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This story is fiction. Any similarities to existing people, places, or things is purely coincidental

NOW, NOW, EVERYONE!
LET'S SPREAD THOSE LEGS AND GET ALL WARMED UP!
♡
HOW COME THE SPANISH TEACHER S ALSO THE SWIM COACH?!
THAT SWIMSUIT CAN'T BE APPROPRIATE HERE...
SINCE TODAY IS THE LAST POOL DAY OF THE YEAR, EVERYONE...
...BE GOOD LITTLE BOYS AND GIRLS...

...AS YOU SKIP AROUND IN THOSE HOT AND WET SCHOOL BATHING SUITS! ♡
...AND LET IT ALL HANG LOOSE ...

I WENT TO SLEEP HUNGRY LAST NIGHT, AND NOW I HAVE THIS STUPID COLD...
WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM, TAKEYA? YOU RE TOTALLY OVER-DRESSED.
LONG LIVE COED GYM!!
THIS RULES!!
.....
おおお!
CAN IT WITH THE HELPFUL ADVICE... I'M ALMOST AT MY MAX ABSENCES AS IT IS.
WAIT...DO US A FAVOR AND STAY HOME WHEN YOU'RE CONTAGIOUS, KAY?
IS THERE NO JUSTICE?! POOR TAKEYA, HAVING TO BAKE OUT IN THE SUN DURING AN EVENT LIKE THIS...
Sheeth
Ren-chaaan!
HUH? WHY DO I GOTTA...?
C'MON, IT'S A PIECE OF CAKE! JUST PUT YOUR HEART INTO IT, ALL RIGHT?
FINE, FINE. LISTEN... YOU'VE GOT NOTHING TO DO, RIGHT?
SO DO ME A FAVOR AND TAKE THIS MONTH'S PRIME SHOT FOR THE DEARS LOVE CHILD CLUB BULLETIN MATERIAL, WILLYA? ♡

...IS SOMETHING THE MATTER, REN?
OOPS... FORGOT TO LEAVE MY GLASSES IN THE CHANGING ROOM
WELL, THEY LL BE OKAY HERE BY THE POOL.
... HM?
ANYWAY, WE BETTER DO A PROPER STRETCH TO GET READY FOR THE RACE.
GOT IT.
IS TAKEYA... ALL RIGHT?
OH, HIM? HE'S REALLY HUGGING THE WALL TODAY, ISN T HE?
HE SAID HE DOESN'T HAVE A FEVER, SO...HE'S PROBABLY JUST MAKING EXCUSES SO HE CAN SLOUGH OFF.
REN-CHAAAN.

MY, YOU'RE DAZZLING AS EVER, EVEN IN THAT SCHOOL SWIMSUIT.
THE SUN GOD APOLLO WOULD BE CAPTIVATED BY BEAUTY LIKE OURS.
BUT YOU, MY DEAR, ARE THE FORBIDDEN FRUIT OF SUMMER...
...LIKE A MELON?
NOT EXACTLY... IT'S SUMMER, SO...
MAYBE MORE LIKE A WATER MELON, I GUESS?
I GUESS ANY KIND OF MELON WOULD WORK...
OH, ABSO-LUTELY!
YOU'RE SO RIGHT, HIRO-KUN!
THE HECK DO THEY SEE IN THAT MORON?!
GUARDIAN SPIRITS, PLEASE RID US OF THIS NONUKA PLAGUE!!
THE BELL CANNOT POSSIBLE COME TOO QUICKLY...
God, would they shut up for a minute?!
Hiro-kun!
Hiro-kun!

MIU...
HERE, YOU CAN WIPE THE SWEAT FROM YOUR BROW WITH THIS...
HUH? OH, THANKS...
A SUMMER COLD, YOU SAY? WILL YOU BE ALL RIGHT, IKUHARA-SAMA? I'D BE GLAD TO ESCORT YOU TO THE NURSE'S OFFICE, IF YOU LIKE.
NO, NO. IT'S NOT THAT BIG A DEAL.
OH, BUT I INSIST!
HERE, KEEP YOUR HYDRATION LEVELS UP WITH THIS. YOU MUST AVOID BEING DEHYDRATED AT ALL COSTS.
THERE ARE COUNTLESS ELDERLY FOLK WHO PASS AWAY EACH YEAR FROM SUCH SUMMER COLDS!
DO I LOOK ELDERLY TO YOU?!
ぷっ
FUFF

YOU'RE LIKE AN OLD COUNTRY GRANDMA IN EVERY WAY.
WHAT? A... A GRAND-MOTHER?
W-WHAT MAKES YOU SAY THAT? COME NOW, PLEASE STOP LAUGHING AT MY EXPENSE.

WHAT WAS THAT SHARP PAIN?
REN-CHAAAN! THEY'RE GONNA START RECORDING TIMES!

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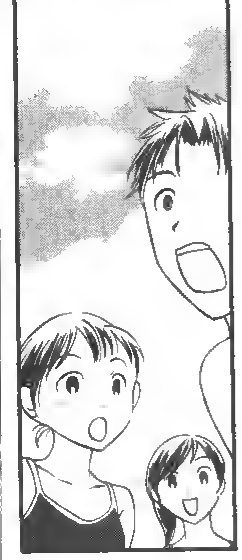
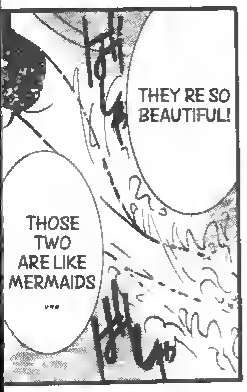
TWEEE
SPLASH
SPLASH
DO NOT EXPECT ME TO GO EASY ON YOU.
Yeah!!
Go!
HEY, TAKEYA! TAKEYAAA!!




THEY RE SO BEAUTIFUL!
THOSE TWO ARE LIKE MERMAIDS ...

IT S LIKE THEY RE NOT EVEN HUMAN!
THAT'S BECAUSE THEY RE ALIENS. DUH...

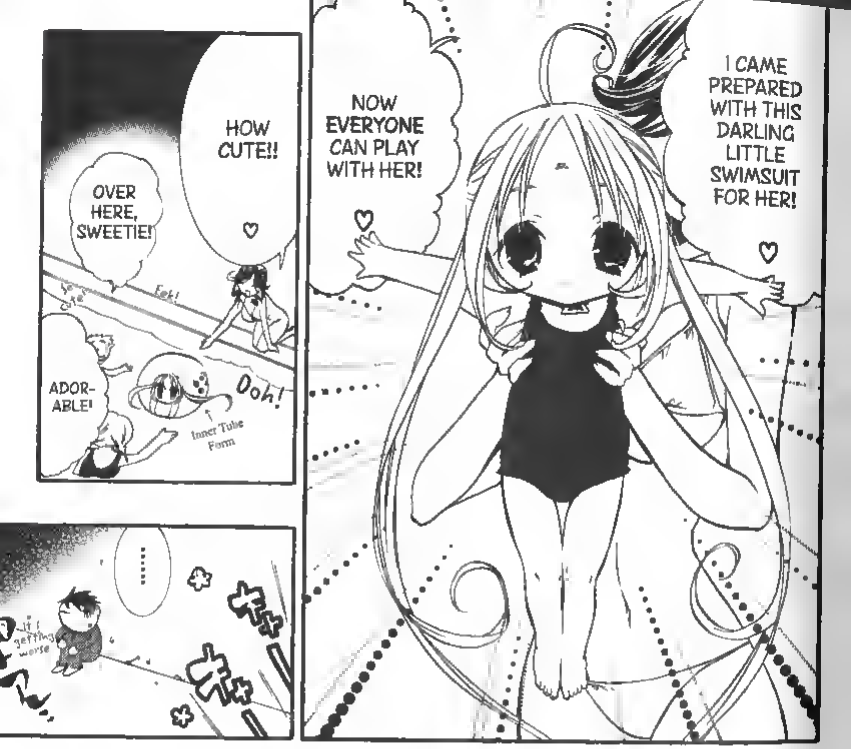
AWESOME! THIS ROCKS!!
HURRY, MIU-CHAN!!
GO, REN-CHAN!
1
2
3

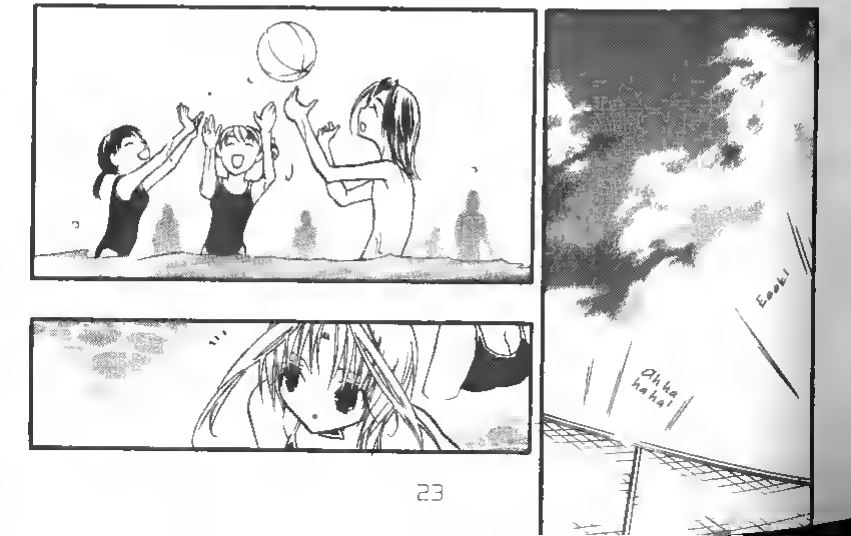
SLAP
SLAP
THEY CAME IN AT THE EXACT SAME TIME!
YOU TWO ARE THE BEST!!

WH-WHAT THE...?
FATHUMP
FATHUMP
?!
YO, TAKEYA!!
GAAH!
YOU GOT THAT ALL ON VIDEO, RIGHT?!
VIDEO? BUT THIS IS A CAMERA...
OH, DON'T TELL ME YOU SCREWED UP SOMETHING SO SIMPLE, YOU IDIOT!!

HIRO-KUN, YOU WERE STUNNING!
AMAZ-ING!!
OH, IT WAS NOTHING.
SHEESH. LOOK, THE VIDEO OPTION IS THIS RED BUTTON RIGHT HERE! YOU REALLY WEREN'T PAYING ATTENTION AT ALL, WERE YOU?!
CUT ME SOME SLACK... I'M THE SICK ONE, REMEMBER?
SIGH
YOU MADE ALL THE OTHER BOYS LOOK LIKE SLUGS!
NOW, NOW, THAT'S A BIT MUCH. YOU COULD AT LEAST CALL THEM "ROACHES."
SLUGS?!
THAT JERK FINISHED AFTER ME!
ALL RIGHT, HAVE WE GOT TIMES FOR EVERY-BODY?
Yes, ma'am!
IN THAT CASE, TIME FOR OPEN SWIM--
WHAT'S THIS?

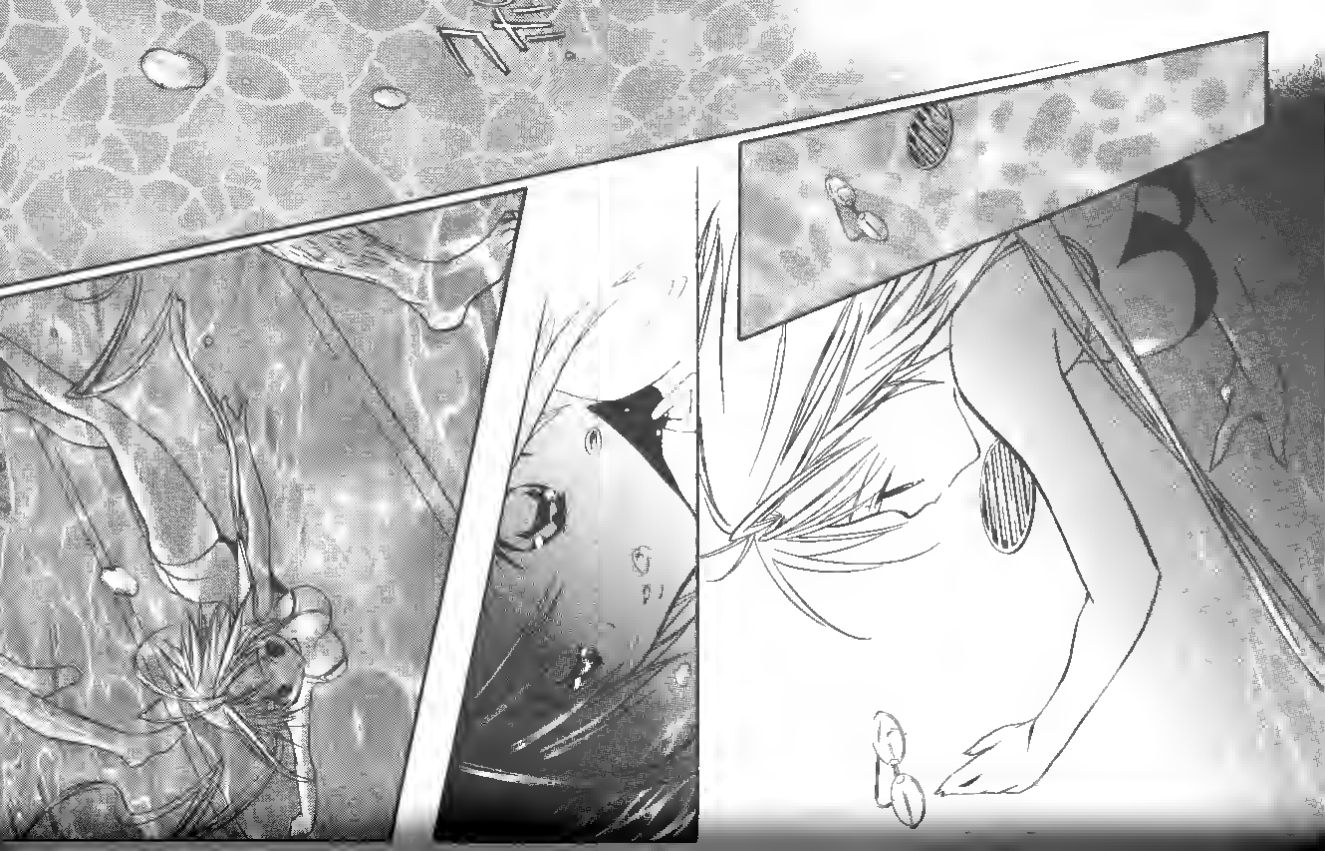
IF IT'S ALL RIGHT WITH EVERYONE...
OH, THAT KID...
...BUT IT SEEMS THE POOR DARLING GOT LONESOME AND CAME OUT TO PLAY.
SHE WAS SUPPOSED TO WAIT IN THE NURSE'S OFFICE UNTIL GYM CLASS WAS OVER...
NOTHING WE CAN DO NOW. AFTER ALL, SHE'S STILL AT THE AGE WHEN SHE WANTS TO BE AT HER MOTHER'S SIDE.
SOOO... ♡
YOU PROMISED TO BE A GOOD GIRL AND WAIT FOR ME.
THAT'S RIGHT...


I CAME PREPARED WITH THIS DARLING LITTLE SWIMSUIT FOR HER!
NOW EVERYONE CAN PLAY WITH HER!
HOW CUTE!!
OVER HERE, SWEETIE!
Eek!
ADOR-ABLE!
Ooh!
Inner Tube Form
Uh, getting worse


Eeek!
Oh, ha ha ha!

WHOOPSIES.
NENEKO'S GLASSES...
STARE
MY LITTLE MERMAID PRINCESS?
SORRY THERE, YOU OKAY?
HIRO-KUN! GET THE BALL!

WELL, THEN... I'LL GIVE YOU THE BASICS IN ARM AND LEG WORK.
WHAT'S THIS THOSE PRETTY EYES ARE TELLING ME? YOU WANT TO PRACTICE SWIMMING?
HE'LL HIT ON EVEN THE SMALLEST GIRLS.
Hee Hee!
THAT CREEP ...
How cute!
.....
WHERE'D REN GO?
HUH?



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THAT'S STRANGE ...
WHERE COULD SHE HAVE RUN OFF TO?
Hee Hee!! Whoaa!
REN...?!

HM? MY GLASSES.. WHERE'D THEY GO?
TA--
TAKEYA?!
REN!!
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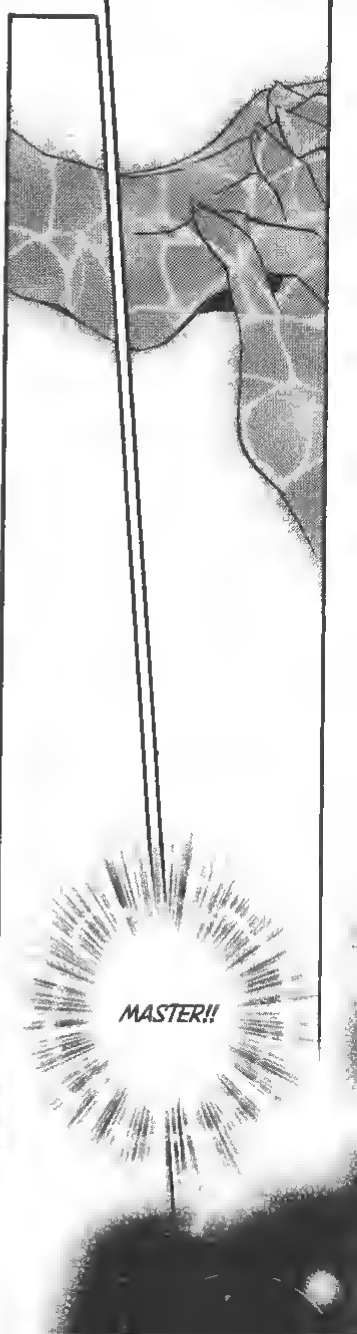
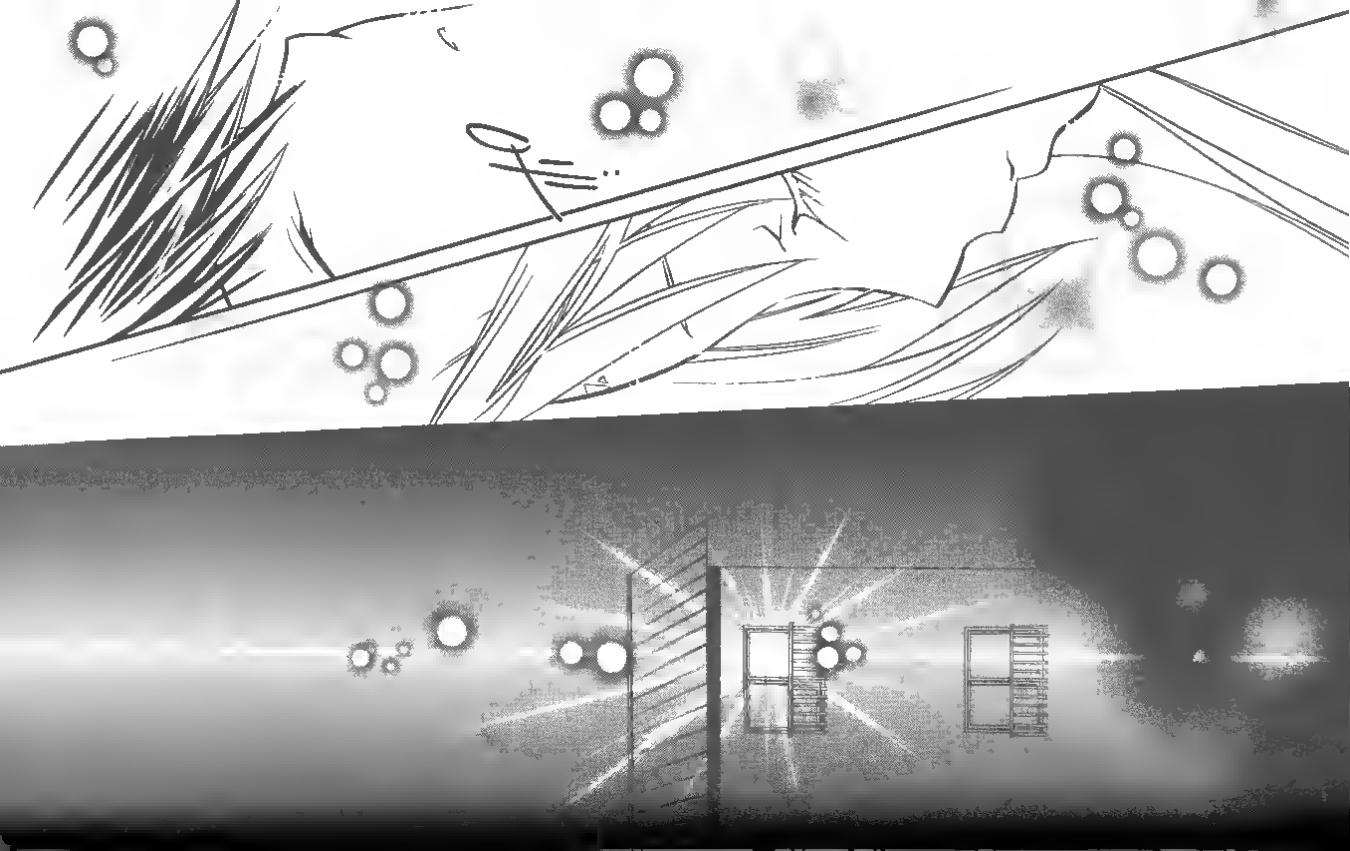


I JUST WANTED TO...TAKE A LITTLE DIP...
DON'T BE... STUPID... I WAS HOT, SO...
I'M SO SORRY, MASTER... THIS IS ALL REN'S FAULT.
SEE? HE'S JUST FINE.
THERE'S NO NEED FOR YOU TO WORRY YOURSELF SICK OVER HIM.
THIS GUY WOULDN'T DIE EVEN IF YOU KILLED HIM.
ROGER.
WHEN HIS ICE BAG'S ALL MELTED, CHANGE IT FOR HIM, KAY?
WELL, YOU TWO, I'VE GOTTA HEAD HOME TO FIX DINNER NOW.
HEY... AREN'T YOU...?
HELLO AND GOOD EVENING.
HM?

I CAME TO RETURN THIS LITTLE GIRL TO HER. YOU THINK IT'S ALL RIGHT IF I STEP IN?
SO, THIS IS REN-CHAN'S PLACE, RIGHT?
OH, NO NEED TO WORRY. I MAKE IT A POINT TO REMEMBER THE NAMES AND FACES OF ALL THE GIRLS AT KOHARU HIGH.
OH, YOU CAN CALL ME HIRO-KUN, NEKO IZUMI-CHAN.
HOW DO YOU KNOW MY--?
B-BUT--!
THANKS FOR GOING OUT OF YOUR WAY TO RETURN HER. NOW, AS LANDLADY, I'LL TAKE CHARGE OF HER FROM HERE.
I SEE...
SORRY, BUT THERE'S A VERY SICK PERSON UP THERE RIGHT NOW... IT'D BE DANGEROUS FOR A LITTLE GIRL LIKE HER TO BE AROUND AT A TIME LIKE THIS.
...NAME?
GETTING ANY GIRL TO TELL ME HER NAME AND ADDRESS IS MY FORTE.
OH, YOU DON'T HAVE TO PRAISE ME FOR THAT.
HOW TYPICAL OF THE TOP PLAYBOY OF THE SCHOOL TO WIN OVER EVEN THIS LITTLE GIRL.

TAKEYA... DOES IT HURT?
IT HURTS... FOR REN, TOO...

WANTS TO BE ONE WITH YOU...
REN...
REN...
TAKEYA ...
...REN WANTS TO BECOME YOU, TAKEYA.



WE GOTTA GET GOING TO SCHOOL.
HEY, REN!
NOT LIKE I'VE GOT ANY COMPLAINTS ABOUT THAT, THOUGH.
IT'S THE WEIRDEST THING--MY COLD TOTALLY GOT CURED IN JUST ONE NIGHT.
...? YOU FEELING OKAY?
REN IS GIVEN EVERYTHING BY HER MASTER.
WHATEVER, LET'S GET GOING ALREADY.
EH HEH HEH...
BUT WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH YOU? WHY'RE YOU ALL TOTTERING AND STUFF?

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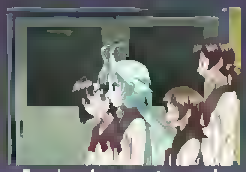
OWWW! Oww! Oww!
OWW-OWW!!
CRAAACK! (whip-striking sounds)
YOU OBVIOUSLY NEED SOME MORE TIME IN MY TORTURE ROOM, I BELIEVE...
Um... (gulp) Yeah— OWWW!
DAYS? WAIT, YOU MEAN THE SHIP COULD END UP ANYWHERE IN THE MEANTIME?
The auto-repair system is already working on it! But it'll take days, the computer says.
I think it was all those star-hops we did... we kind of overloaded it.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN OUR AUTO-PILOT SYSTEM IS OUT OF CONTROL?!
SO FIX IT, IMBECILE!

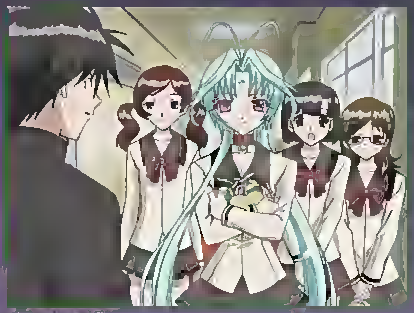
DEARS MEMORIES -- DearS Adjusting to Life on Earth:

Takeya, trying to make Ren look inconspicuous while he shops for new clothes for her

Ren in her preferred closet, homages to the world of Melon Bread pasted on the wall.



Ren has become instantly popular in school

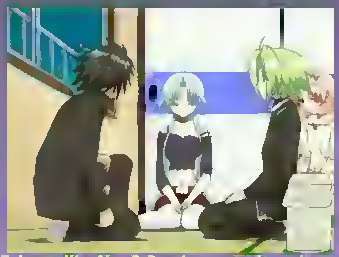


Ren finds Takeya in order to have lunch with him. She brought lots of melon bread just in case.

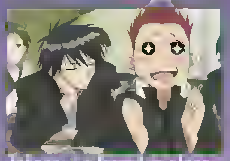
Mio, telling Ren doesn't acknowledge her presence here yet Miu is secretly jealous of her

After a recent cooking contest with Ren, Miu declares Ren's entry to be food of the gods.

Mio getting to know her home-stay family, a little old couple

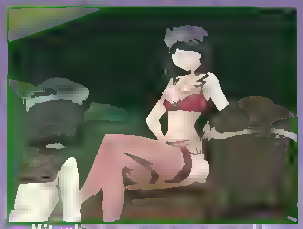


Takeya, Khi, Mio & Ren having a deep discussion about her status as Takeya's slave

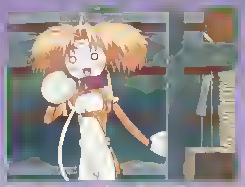


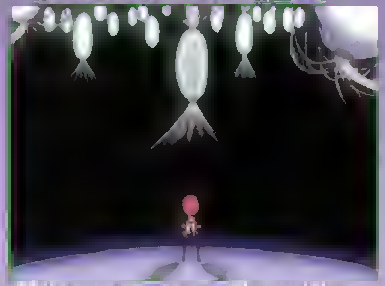
Takeya, a friend in class

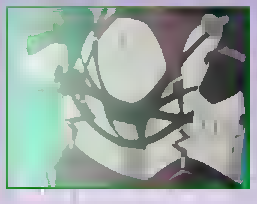
Mizuki seems, she is not a one track mind



Mitsuki, [illegible] exhibitionist







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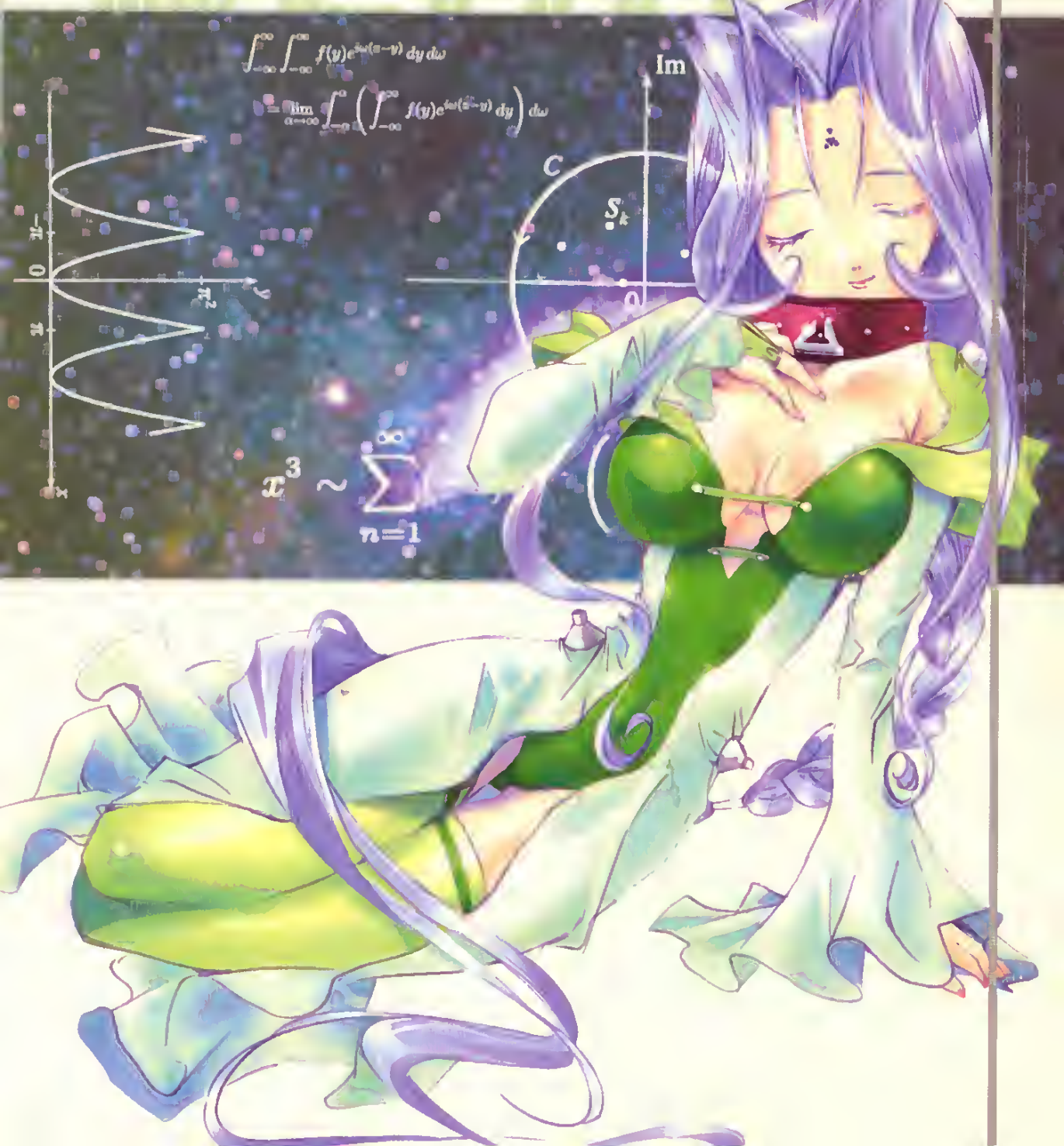

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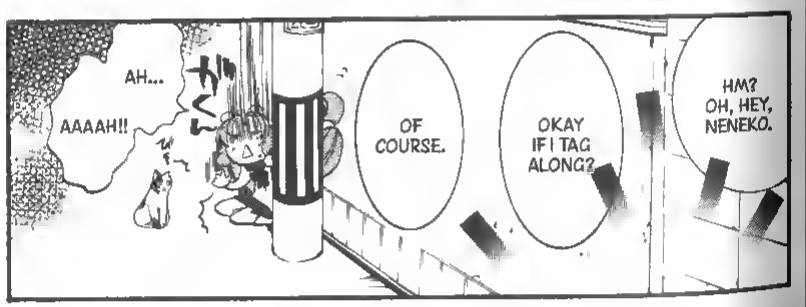
ACHOO!
DO YOU STILL HAVE THAT COLD, MASTER?
NAH, IT'S NOT THAT. IT'S JUST... I DUNNO, I GOT CHILLS ALL OF A SUDDEN.
I'M GETTING TIRED OF EATING JUST FISH-NI.
NOW, THEN... WHERE'S THAT MELON-BREAD ONII-SAN'S HOUSE AGAIN-NI?

AT THIS RATE, I WILL BE MISTAKEN FOR A STALKER! ONE OF THOSE WHO MAKE THEIR LIVELIHOOD DOING BUSINESS IN THE SHADOWS!
IF I WANT TO WALK HOME WITH HIM, I SHOULD JUST CALL OUT TO HIM AND SAY IT!
WHAT AM I DOING, SNEAKING AROUND LIKE THIS?

JUST LOOKING AT IKUHARA-SAMA, MY HEARTBEAT BECOMES IRREGULAR... I'M SHORT OF BREATH... AND I BECOME INSTANTLY DIZZY...
COULD IT BE...I HAVE BECOME KIND OF ILLNESS?
IKUHARA-SAMA...
Hi, haha... What're you talking about, silly?
Miu Vision

THIS IS IT, MIU! BE BRAVE!!
THERE MUST BE SOME REASON BEHIND MY MYSTERIOUS MALADY. I MUST DISCOVER WHAT IT IS...
OH, THERE THEY GO AGAIN!
UGH...I'M SO JEALOUS OF REN, GETTING TO WALK HOME WITH HIM ALL THE TIME.
U-UMM, EXCUSE--
YO, TAKEYA. REN.


AH...
AAAAH!!
OF COURSE.
OKAY IF I TAG ALONG?
HM? OH, HEY, NENEKO.

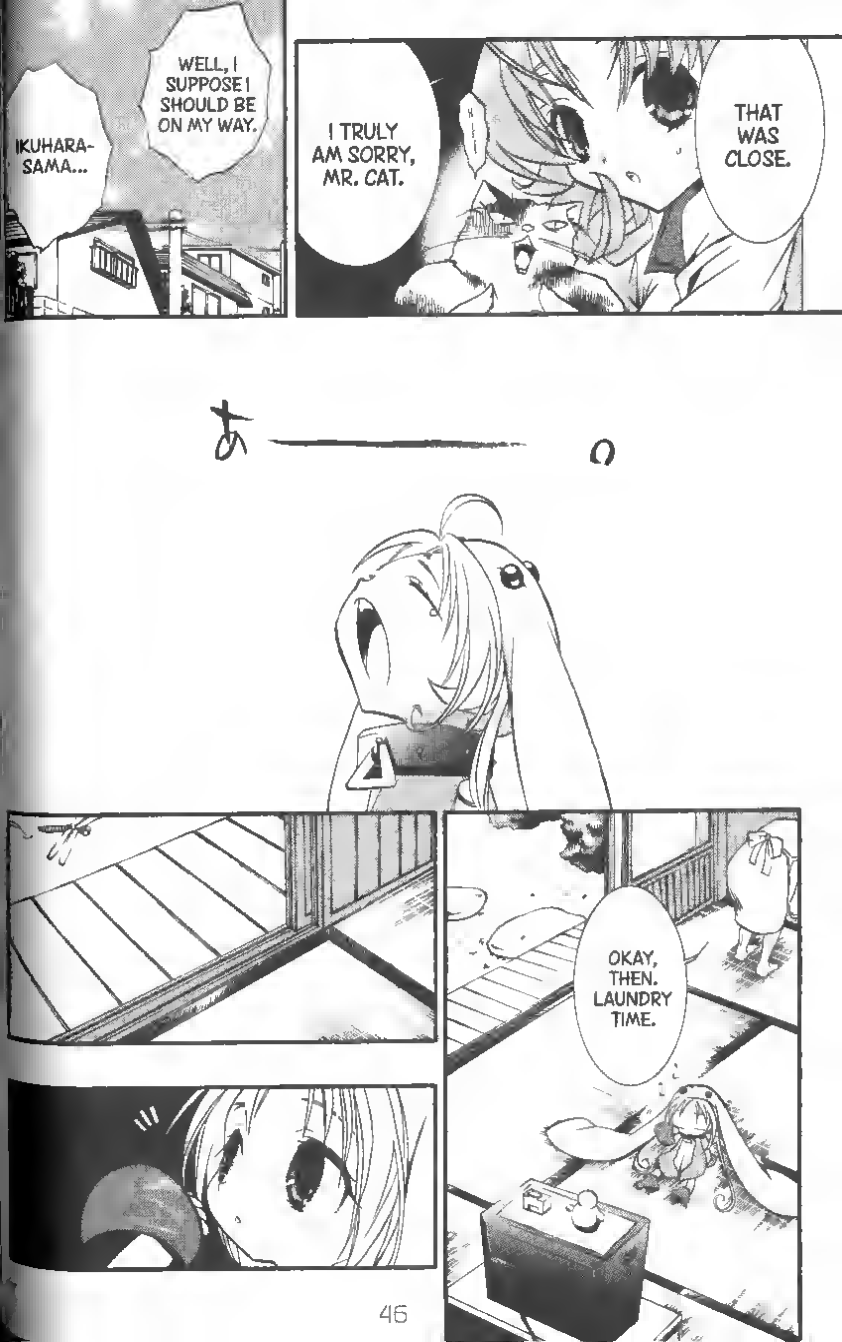
BUT MORE IMPOR-TANTLY ...
WELL, I HAD MY GRANDMA KEEP AN EYE ON HER A LOT OF THE TIME.
BUT YOU KEEPING HER AT YOUR PLACE REALLY HELPED ME OUT.
SORRY YOU HAD TO TAKE CARE OF THAT LITTLE DEARS WHILE I WAS SICK.

IO...?

DID SHE TELL YOU THAT HERSELF?
NO...
TH-THAT'S THAT LITTLE GIRLS NAME?!

STILL NOT FULLY RE-COVERED YET, EH?
IO...CHOO!

WELL, A LITTLE BIRD TOLD ME, BUT...
...SEEMS THAT GUY FROM CLASS C, NONAKA, GOT HER TO TELL HIM.
YOU MEAN HIRO-KUN?
WHAAAT?!
"REN" IS STILL THE ONLY THING I'VE HEARD HER SAY.
I'M NOT SURE IF IO S REALLY HER NAME OR NOT, BUT NONAKA DOES HAVE AN EFFECT ON GIRLS.
SHE WOULDN T SAY A THING TO ME, BUT... BUT THAT CREEP GOT IT OUTTA HER?!
WH-WHAT COULD THEY BE TALKING ABOUT, I WONDER? I CAN'T QUITE MAKE IT OUT.
OH!
HM?
.....
MEOW! MEOOOW!
HUH? A CAT?
THAT'S PRETTY UNNATURAL POSTURE, THOUGH...


IKUHARA-SAMA...
WELL, I SUPPOSE I SHOULD BE ON MY WAY.
I TRULY AM SORRY, MR. CAT.
THAT WAS CLOSE.
OKAY, THEN. LAUNDRY TIME.

SHE'S GONE AGAIN?!
SHE'S...
WHAT?
LET'S CHECK THE BACKYARD.
SHE MAY HAVE GONE OUT INTO THE GARDEN.
I SWEAR I SAW HER SITTING IN FRONT OF THE TELEVISION JUST A SECOND AGO!
Sleepy

Mu
HM?
I COULD HAVE SWORN IKUHARA-SAMA WENT THIS WAY.
HEY!
HEEEY!
WHAT THE...?
.....

IKUHARA-SAMA?!
H-HUH?!
WHAT THE--MIU?
NI NI NI NI NI NIIII!
NI!
NI!
N-I-YHAAA!!
HUH? WHERE WAS NIA HEADED TO AGAIN-NI?

WHA?
I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS... GETTING LOST MUST BE THAT KID'S HOBBY.
SO, YOU SAY SHE WENT THIS WAY?
Y-YES, I'M QUITE POSITIVE.
I-I-I-I-I'M JUST SAYING THIS, BUT I HAD NO ULTERIOR MOTIVES IN BEING WHERE YOU FOUND ME JUST NOW. I WAS JUST TRYING TO DECIPHER THE CAUSE BEHIND THE IRREGULAR HEARTBEAT AND SHORTNESS OF BREATH AND DIZZINESS I'VE BEEN HAVING.
...?
WHAT'RE YOU TALKIN' ABOUT?
?!
SO IF YOU'RE NOT DOING ANYTHING IN PARTICULAR, COME WITH ME, WOULD YOU?
WELL... ANYWAY, NENEKO AND REN ARE LOOKING IN THE OTHER DIRECTION.

COME WITH... YOU...
Y-YES!! IF THAT'S REALLY ALL RIGHT!
?
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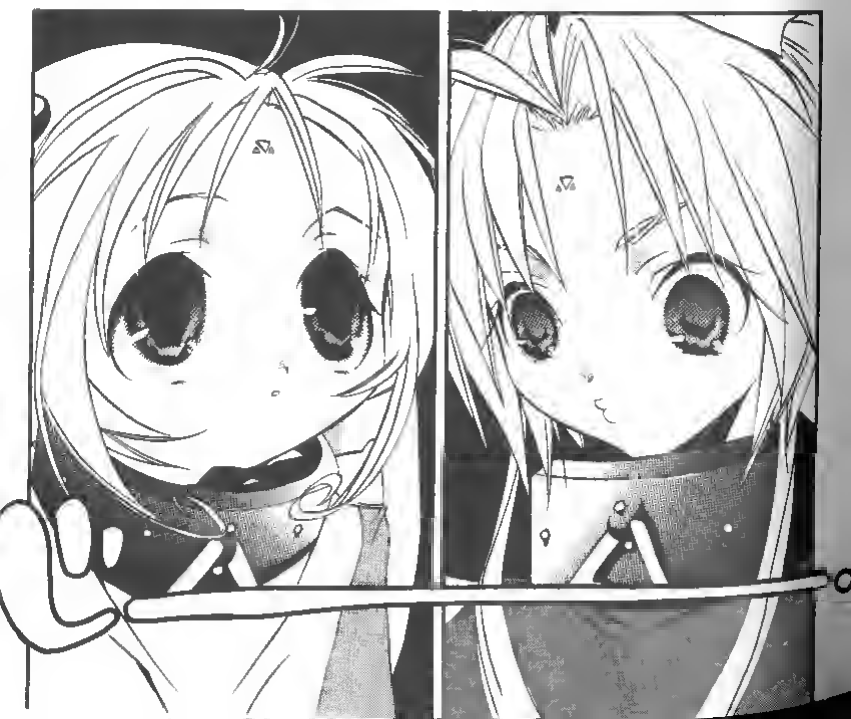
Meanwhile Ren & Co.
HMM...SO SHE'S NOT HERE THIS TIME.
I'M WORRIED ABOUT... MY BABY.
REN AND TAKEYA'S BABY...!
BABY?



NI NI NIII?
WHAT MANNER OF BEING IS THIS-NI? WOULD YOU LOOK AT THAT-- SHE'S GOT SIX EYES-NI...
AND THE TOP FOUR ARE COMPOUND EYES, HUH?
SO THINGS LIKE THIS EXIST ON THIS PLANET AS WELL, DO THEY-NI?
NIIGYAAA!
SHE FLUNG HER COMPOUND EYES AT ME!!
ON CLOSE INSPECTION, SHE'S GOT THE SAME TRIANGULAR MARKINGS AS ME. SHE COULDN'T BE A DEARS TOO, COULD SHE-NI?
THAT ITTY-BITTY APPEARANCE MUST BE... A WAY OF TRICKING ME-NI.
THEN THAT MUST MEAN...

Nikee
SHE MUST HAVE BEEN LOCKED OUTTA THE SPACESHIP JUST LIKE ME!
RETURNING FROM A LITTLE TRIP TO GET SOME FOOD, I FOUND THE ENTRANCE ALL LOCKED UP!
SO ALL THIS TIME YOU'VE BEEN AT A LOSS AS TO WHAT TO DO, LIVING A VAGABOND LIFE WITH NOTHING TO EAT! JUST LIKE ME!!
I SWIPED THIS LITTLE FISH STRAIGHT OUTTA A STRAY CAT'S MOUTH-NI.
GURGLE
GROWL
WELL I'VE GOT A LITTLE SOMETHING TO HELP YOU OUT-NI.
IT MUST HAVE BEEN ROUGH ON YOU, WHAT WITH YOU BEING JUST A SMALL THING STILL-NI.
I'LL GIVE IT TO YOU, THOUGH, FOR BEING SUCH A GOOD LITTLE GIRL-NI.

AREN'T YOU A GOOD GIRL-NII?
AND WHEN WE MEET UP WITH ONII-SAN AND REN-SAN, YOU'LL DEFINITELY GET SOME MELON BREAD, TOO-NI.
REN...?
.....
NI? OH. SO YOU KNOW REN-SAN-NI?
.....
I KNOW...
...HER.
NI?

REN...
...IS...
...THE GATE.
IO...
...IS...
...THE GATE'S...
... GUARDIAN.
MEOW! MEOW!
UH, RIGHT. WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
...?
MEOW! MEOW! MEOW!
...THEY'VE GOT SO MANY REINFORCEMENTS..
OH NOOO...I SWIPED THAT FISH, AND NOW, THOUGH THEY'RE EACH SMALL CRITTERS...
MEOW!
MEOW! MEOW!
GNYAAA!
THE SEARCH PARTY'S FOUND ME-NI!

...THAT THERE'S NOTHING LEFT TO DO BUT RUN AWAY-NI!!!
MEOW!
MEOW!
MEOW!
Sign: Shin Edo River
LET US RETURN TO THE SHOPPING ARCADE AFTER WE REST HERE FOR A BIT.
I CAN'T FIND HER ANYWHERE...
HAVE SOME COLD TEA.
HERE YOU GO, IKUHARA-SAMA.
THANKS.
OH.

EEK!
WH-WHY'D YOU SCREAM?
I-I'M... TERRIBLY SORRY.
IT...IT'S BECAUSE YOU SUDDENLY LOOKED MY WAY.
WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN? I'M SOME KIND OF GROSS BUG OR SOMETHING?
I-I DIDN'T MEAN IT... THAT WAY...
IT'S JUST...
IT'S JUST...
RECENTLY... WHENEVER...
WHENEVER I LOOK AT YOU, IKUHARA-SAMA... JUST SEEING YOU, I...
... WHA ...
WHAT THE ...?

MEOW!
MEOW!
MEOW!
THESE GUYS ARE AS RELENTLESS AS NATTO BACTERIA-NII!
NOT GOOD!
DEFINITELY NOT GOOD-NI!!
HOLD ON TIGHT NOW, LITTLE SISTER!
WHAT'S GOING ON OVER THERE? A CAT PARADE?
GYA NIIII!
A DEAD END?!
Meow!
Meow!
HM?

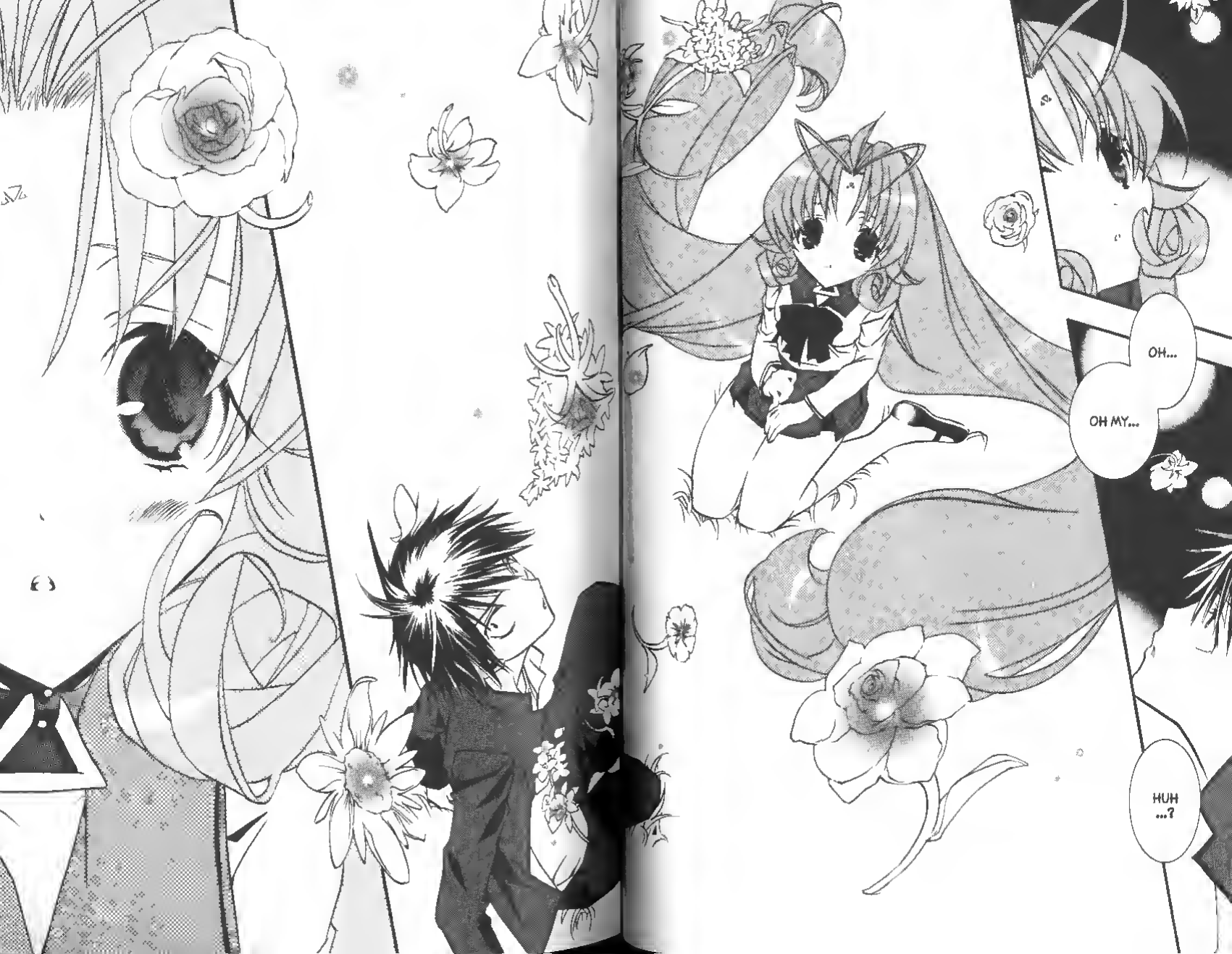
!!!
THEY'RE AS PERSIS-TENT AS HOUSEWIVES! CHASING US ALL OVER FOR ONE STUPID MEASLY FISH!
WE'VE BEEN DRIVEN INTO A CORNER-NI!
MEOW!
MEOW!
MEOW!
REN...
WHOA!
WHAT ARE YOU TWO DOING?!
REEEN.
OH! IT REALLY IS REN-SAN-NI!
WHERE...

WHEN I LOOK AT YOU, IKUHARA-SAMA, MY HEART...
...STARTS TO BEAT SO RAPIDLY, IT'S PAINFUL.
I...
I... UM...
WHERE DID THIS COME FROM?!
...WHY I'M FEELING THIS WAY.
DON'T TELL ME, SHE'S...
DON'T...
I CAN'T QUITE UNDERSTAND, MYSELF...
JUST WHAT EXACTLY...IS THIS FEELING?
AND WHEN YOU'RE SAD, I WANT TO TAKE YOU IN MY ARMS AND MAKE IT ALL BETTER.
WHEN YOU SMILE, IKUHARA-SAMA, I AM FILLED WITH HAPPINESS.

PLEASE, TELL ME...
...IKUHARA-SAMA!
...IN LOVE --?!
WELL WELL.
ADDING UP EVERYTHING YOU'VE SAID, SEEMS TO ME...
...ALL YOU'VE GOTTA DO IS RETURN THOSE MEASLY FISH BONES TO THE CATS.
ERGH!
MEOW!
Y-YOU'RE RIGHT-NI. LET THESE STARVING MONSTERS HAVE THEIR FOOD.
AFTER ALL, AS THE SAYING GOES, "IF YOU MESS WITH A CAT, HE'LL CURSE YOU FOR SEVEN GENERATIONS."
MEOW!
MEOW!
HERE! CATCH!
YOU THIEVING FELINES-NI!!

WH-WHY ARE THEY CHASING US NOW, TOO?!
MEOW!
YOU WANNA KNOW WHAT IT IS?
WELL, IT'S...
...IT'S L--
LOVE... I GUESS.
LOVE...

IT MUST BE SOMETHING DIFFERENT.
HOW WOULD YOU KNOW?!
W-WAIDDAMINUTE, YOU!
WE DEARS LACK THE CAPABILITY TO FEEL LOVE.
IT CANNOT POSSIBLY BE THAT.
...FEELING.
A SPECIAL ...
THAT'S RIGHT... SOMETHING DIFFERENT ...
OUT OF THE WAY! OUT OF THE WAY!!
W-WATCH OUT, MISTER!!
AAAHH!!!

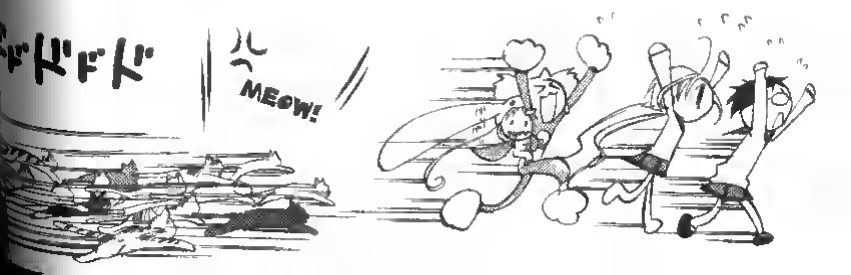

OH...
OH MY...
HUH ...?

REN?!
PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER, MR. FLOWER PEDDLER.
OOF!
WHAT ARE YOU GUYS DOING?!
Flower Gift
.....
GIFT?

IF THAT WERE SO, THEN...
IT...IT CAN'T BE...
LET GO OF ME ALREADY!
WAH!
MASTER! ♡
...THIS IS A TOTAL DISASTER
IT'S A GOOD THING WE SOMEHOW FOUND THE LOST CHILD BUT...
BUT...
BUT...
...THIS FEELING I'VE NEVER FELT BEFORE...IS...
COULD IT BE THAT WHAT I'VE BEEN FEELING RECENTLY...
THE GIFT IS A SACRED BOND...

ME...
ME TOO!!
ME...
WH-WHA... WHAAA...?!
I FINALLY UNDERSTAND!
YOU ARE MY...
MY...

M--
MASTER...?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MEOW!

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...IT REALLY IS TOO BAD.
BUT IF YOU EVER DO CHANGE YOUR MIND, YOU KNOW WHO TO COME TO, 'KAY?
.....
SO THE GIFT IS WHAT I BELIE-- WHAT I WANT TO BELIEVE... THIS IS...
...I REALLY DO BELIEVE... THAT THIS IS THE GIFT.
AFTER ALL... I DON'T UNDERS-TAND EVEN THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF THIS THING CALLED LOVE...
I'VE DECIDED I'M REALLY NOT GOING TO LOSE TO HIM.
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ACTUALLY, ALL THIS TALK HAS REALLY INSPIRED ME TO TAKE MORE SERIOUS ACTION MYSELF.
...WILL NOT LOSE TO HER.
I AS WELL...

I WILL NOT LOSE!
BUT!
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COME ON, REN...
I'M NOT ...
...HIS TYPE ...
LISTEN!
HER POOR ALIEN BRAIN'S BEEN PUSHED PAST ITS LIMIT...
I WANT TO DO THIS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, BUT, TAKEYA... JUST HOW CAN I GET OLDER...?
STARTING NOW, REN WILL TRANSFIGURE HERSELF TO FIT TAKEYA'S TYPE.

I'M GOING TO WAIT FOR YOU!
MASTER!
♡
OH GREAT...

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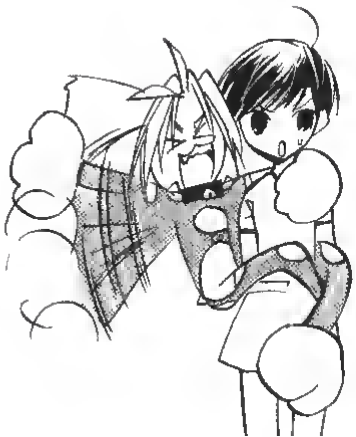

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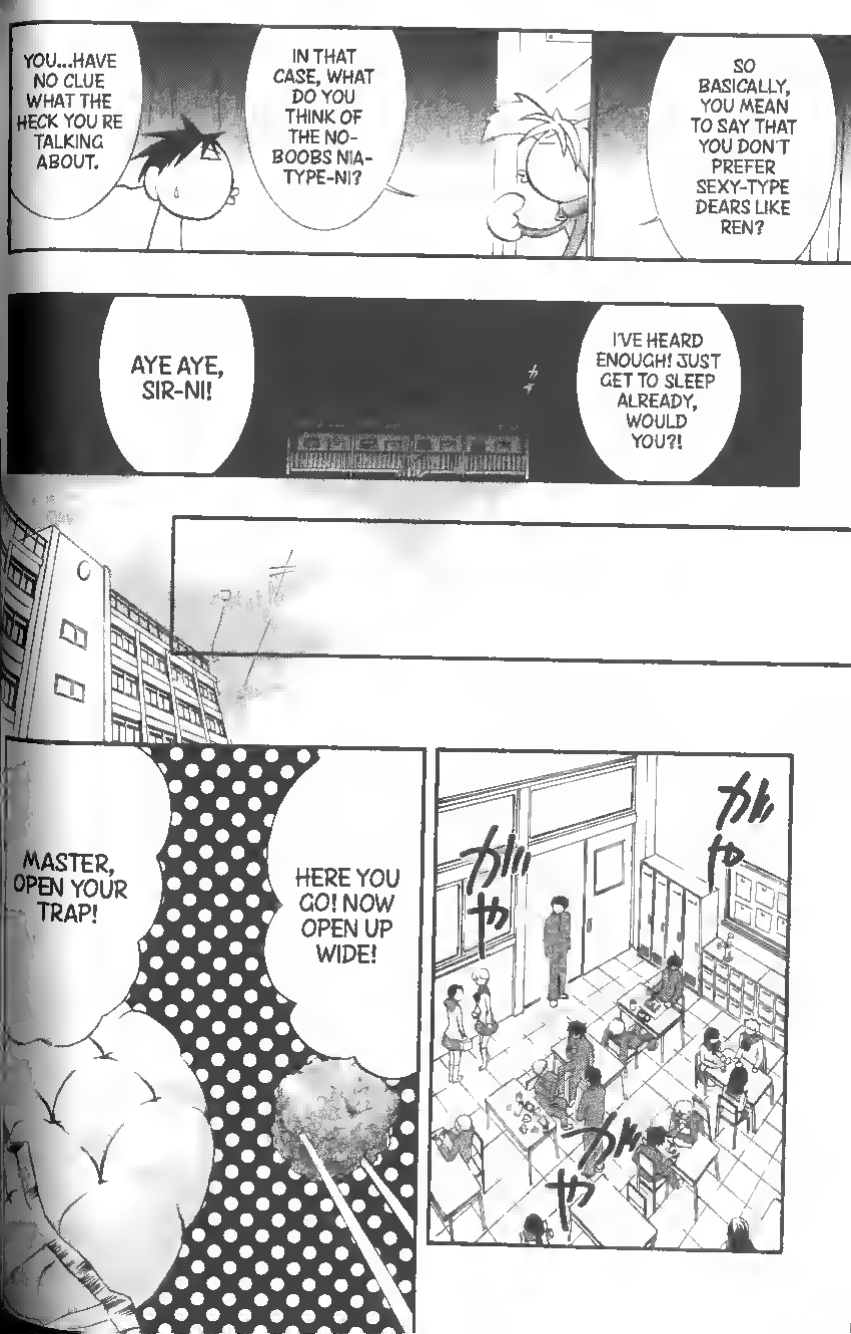
WHAT IS THIS ALL OF A SUDDEN? THAT CAN'T BE--
IT IS! THE GIFT IS DIVINE...
YOU ARE MY DESTINED...
HUH?! WHA...
...MAS-TE--
NO!

U-UH... N-NO...?
B-BECAUSE... TAKEYA IS...R-REN'S MASTER...
UGK... UH... SHE'S RIGHT...
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, REN-SAN? YOU ARE IN NO POSITION TO DETERMINE HOW MANY SLAVES YOUR MASTER CAN HAVE!
REN... REN'S ALSO HIS SLAVE!!
A scuffle?!
IN ANY CASE! STARTING TODAY, I AM THIS MAN'S SLAVE.
LEAVE ME OUT OF IT.
AAAH! NENEKO, SAVE ME!!
NIA'S GONNA GET MIXED UP IN THIS, TOO-NI!!!
Hey!
Eek!

NI?
GO HOME, YOU!!
YEAH, YOU'VE GOT SLAVES FLYIN' AT YOU LEFT AND RIGHT. NII NII NII...
PHEW... TODAY WAS JUST TOO MUCH...
I'LL BE YOUR SLAVE TOO, ONII-SAN! GO ON, WORK ME TO THE BONE!!
SO YOU GOTTA LET ME CRASH HERE FOR AT LEAST A LITTLE WHILE-NI.
NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES YOU TELL ME TO GO, I CAN'T GET BACK INSIDE THE SHIP-NI!
BUT FOR NOW, I'M TURNING IN-NI.
WHAT A LITTLE...

GOOD NIGHT.
YEP.
NI NI?
YOU AND REN-SAN... ALWAYS SLEEP SEPARATELY LIKE THIS, ONII-SAN-NI?
OF COURSE.
HMMM... IF YOU'RE SEPARATED LIKE THIS, HOW CAN "SATISFACTION" TAKE PLACE?
SATIS... WHAT?!
WELL, I'M NO EXPERT, BUT I HEARD THAT IT'S A SLAVE'S DUTY TO SATISFY THE DESIRES OF NIGHT-NI.
WH-WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT? I LIKE THINGS THE WAY THEY ARE...AND I CONSIDER HER MY FAMILY.
N-NOT YOU TOO... LISTEN... JUST QUIT TALKING ABOUT STUPID STUFF.
YOU MEAN REN GOES TO SLEEP EVERY NIGHT WITHOUT DOING HER DUTY-NI?!


YOU...HAVE NO CLUE WHAT THE HECK YOU RE TALKING ABOUT.
IN THAT CASE, WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE NO-BOOBS NIA-TYPE-NI?
SO BASICALLY, YOU MEAN TO SAY THAT YOU DON'T PREFER SEXY-TYPE DEARS LIKE REN?
AYE AYE, SIR-NI!
I'VE HEARD ENOUGH! JUST GET TO SLEEP ALREADY, WOULD YOU?!
MASTER, OPEN YOUR TRAP!
HERE YOU GO! NOW OPEN UP WIDE!
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HEY, NOW!
REN-SAN, IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE THAT POOR EXCUSE FOR A MEAL SUITS THE MASTER.
THAT'S NOT TRUE! TAKEYA ALWAYS HAS THIS MIRACLE MELON BREAD FOR LUNCH!
ENOUGH!!
WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU TWO?!
LISTEN, MIU!
Y-YES, MASTER? ♡
GAH! DON'T SAY THAT! I KNOW YOU'RE HELL-BENT ON THIS IDEA THAT I'M YOUR MASTER, BUT WOULD YOU QUIT CALLING ME THAT?!

TAKEYA-SAMA... ♡
Y-YES... UH, IN THAT CASE...
THIS CLASS SURE HAS GOTTEN OVER THE NOVELTY OF DEARS...
Wow! Just adorable!
Adding one more doesn't even cause a stir
THIS FROZEN MIKAN'S SO GOOD IT'D SHAKE THE COSMOS!
NII NIIII!
TH-THERE'S THAT SHARP PAIN AGAIN...

BY THE WAY, NIA...
NI?
IS IT REALLY OKAY FOR A MASTER TO HAVE TWO SLAVES?
...TWO?
SEEMS OUR SLAVE SYSTEM IS VERY DIFFERENT FROM THE MARRIAGE SYSTEM ON THIS PLANET.
THERE'S NO PROBLEM WITH TWO. BACK ON THE PLANET I COME FROM, MASTERS CAN HAVE AS MANY SLAVES AS THEY LIKE-NI.
WE DON'T HAVE ANY RULES ABOUT SOMEONE BEING TIED TO ONLY ONE PERSON-NI.
COOKING-TYPE, CLEANING-TYPE, SATISFYING-TYPE...
LONG AGO IN THE CENTRAL STATES, IT WAS NORMAL FOR SOMEONE OF MASTER STANDING TO HAVE MANY DIFFERENT SLAVES TO SERVE HIS MANY DIFFERENT NEEDS.
BUT NOWA-DAYS...
NORMALLY MY TRAINER IS A SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT TYPE FOR FANATICS
HE'S A COMBAT RELEVANT NI.

...THE TREND IS TO HAVE A SINGLE SLAVE THAT IS MULTI-TALENTED, WHO CAN DO ANYTHING FROM HOUSE-KEEPING TO SATISFYING DESIRES.
SO THOSE MASTERS WHO HAVE ONLY A FEW SLAVES...
YEAH, I GOT THE PICTURE NOW. SURE IS MORE COMP-LICATED THAN I THOUGHT.
BUT ...
SEEING A CASE OF TWO SLAVES BOUND BY THE "GIFT" TO THE SAME MASTER...
...IS SOMETHING UNPRECE-DENTED-NI.
IS THE "GIFT" REALLY THAT RARE A THING?
IT SURE IS-NI!
TO A SLAVE, THE GIFT IS A SUUUPER SPECIAL AND UNIQUE BLESSING.
AFTER ALL, A DEARS, AS A SLAVE, DOESN'T HAVE THE ABILITY TO MAKE A CHOICE FOR HERSELF IN THE FIRST PLACE.

Phew
...BEING OWNED IS THE EASY LIFE-NI!
THAT'S NOT TRUE-NI. I FIRST THOUGHT THE SAME WAY-NI. BUT AFTER LIVING A VAGABOND...
HM... THAT'S RIGHT.
THAT REALLY IS THE SADDEST DEARS TRAIT...
HAVING TO DECIDE EVERYTHING FOR YOURSELF GETS OLD, YOU KNOW?
.....
I HAVE A FEELING...THAT'S NOT WHAT IT IS AT ALL.
THE "GIFT" ...EH?
...HAVE YET REALIZED THAT THEM-SELVES.
THOUGH PERHAPS NEITHER MIU NOR REN...

TAKEYA-SAMA! SHALL WE WALK HOME TOGETHER TOD--
ガラッ!!
...HUH?
...WHAT'S THIS? REN-CHAN ALREADY WENT HOME?
OH?
IT INDEED SEEMS THAT WAY.
THAT'S TOO BAD... NENEKO-CHAN'S NOT HERE, EITHER.
AND I CAME ALL THIS WAY TO GIVE HER BACK THIS KID.
I SEE ...

YOU'RE MIU-CHAN, RIGHT? LOOKS LIKE SOMETHING'S GOT YOU DOWN.
HUH ...?
OH, NO...IT'S NOTHING...
AS YOU CAN SEE, SHE'S GOTTEN QUITE ATTACHED TO ME. SHE KEEPS FINDING ME SO I'LL PLAY WITH HER.
OH, BY THE WAY, I'M NONAKA FROM CLASS C.
I'M A PRETTY BOY, BUT I CAN BE PRETTY NICE.
OH, UH... THAT'S NOT EXACTLY ...
PRETTY BOY NONAKA-SAMA...THANK YOU FOR WATCHING AFTER HER.
WELL, NONAKA-SAMA LET ME JUST TAKE THIS CHILD OFF YOUR HANDS FOR YOU..
NOT SO FAST...
LISTEN.
DO YOU LIKE COFFEE?

WHAAAT? YOU'RE GOING HOME ALREADY, ONII-CHAN?
STILL...I SUPPOSE MOM WOULD ENJOY A BIT OF A MORE LIVELY ATMOSPHERE AROUND HERE.
AND I DON T PARTICULARLY DISLIKE THIS ONE, SO I GUESS IT'D BE OKAY.
NIIII!
SORRY, GOTTA RUN. YOU DON T MIND WATCHING HER FOR A LITTLE, DO YOU?
COME ON! THIS APARTMENT S REACHED ITS MAXIMUM ALIEN CAPACITY ALREADY!
SHEESH, YOU DON T HAVE TO YELL IN MY EAR.
AND NA-CHAN'S MY FAVORITE DISH, TOO-NI!!
IT KINDA FEELS LIKE A SIGN THEY RE GETTING READY TO TAKE OFF ON US.
THAT ALIEN SPACESHIP S BEEN SEALED FOR A WHOLE WEEK NOW.

I WONDER WHAT WE'RE IN FOR.
REN-CHAAAN! BRING THEM OVER HERE, PLEASE. WONDERFUL, THANK YOU! ♡
THANK YOU FOR HELPING ME COLLECT ALL THE NOTEBOOKS FROM THE OTHER CLASSES.
NOW COME ON IN! ♡
I WONDER IF TAKEYA WAITED UP FOR ME.
WHAT? WHY, JUST A LITTLE WHILE AGO I SAW HIM GO HOME WITH NIA-CHAN.
OH ...
I SHOULD HEAD HOME TOO, I SUPPOSE.
BE CAREFUL ON YOUR WAY HOME, DEAR. AFTER ALL, NIGHTTIME IS WHEN THE DEGENERATES ARE AT THEIR PEAK AROUSAL! ♡
MITSUKA-SENSEI?

HMMM...
SO THAT'S HOW IT IS...
STARBUCKS COFFEE
WHAT IS IT, REN-CHAN?
.....
IS REN...
...SEXY?
IF ONLY I COULD BE THE ONE TO BE BY HIS SIDE... HE WOULD GET HOME PROMPTLY, AND I WOULD ATTEND HIM AS BEFITS HIS STATION.
IT SEEMS I AM JEALOUS.
SO IN SHORT, YOU'RE JEALOUS THAT REN-CHAN GETS TO LIVE WITH THAT IKUHARA GUY?
RIGHT, MIU-CHAN?
NOD
NOD
NOD
WHAT'S SO GREAT ABOUT THIS GUY, ANYWAY?
UN-BELIEVABLE. TOTALLY CRAZY...
(BOUSOU LINGO)

BUT...LITTLE BY LITTLE, I CAME TO UNDERSTAND HIM.
I THOUGHT HE WAS LACKING IN GRACE AND INTELLIGENCE ...
AT FIRST... IN ALL HONESTY, I WAS NOT VERY FOND OF HIM.
...WHAT'S SO GREAT ABOUT HIM?
I CAN'T PUT IT INTO JUST ONE WORD, BUT...
AND EVER SINCE I REALIZED THAT, HE'S ALL I CAN THINK ABOUT.
HE'S SOFT-HEARTED... THOUGH NOT VERY SKILLED AT EXPRESSING IT...
...AND EVEN HIS BLUNT MANNER HAS A TINGE OF WARMTH TO IT... IT'S HIS WAY OF SHOWING HE CARES.
YOU'VE FALLEN IN LOVE.
IT LOOKS LIKE IT CAN HAPPEN TO BOTH HUMANS AND ALIENS...
YOU REALLY ARE ADORABLE, MIU-CHAN.
HUH?

...LIKE ANIMAL-TYPE? OR MARINE LIFE-TYPE?
WELL THEN .. WHAT IF I WERE TO BE AFFILIATED WITH ANOTHER TYPE? WOULD IT SATISFY MASTER?
NOW, NOW...
Teacher
I SEE ...
JUST LIKE TEACHER.
I DO SUPPOSE REN-CHAN'S MORE SEXY THAN SHE IS CUTE...
THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION!
CHEST ...
COKE A DISH?
YOU'RE PERFECT JUST THE WAY YOU ARE, REN-CHAN. CUTE AND COQUETTISH.
YOU JUST HAPPENED TO BE BORN WITH THIS SEXY BODY AND THIS AMAZING CHEST.
RECENTLY... MY CHEST HAS FELT STRANGE.
JUST LIKE TEACHER.

WHEN TAKEYA... DOESN'T LOOK AT REN...
...IT HURTS RIGHT HERE, AND THERE'S A SHARP PAIN...
IS REN... BROKEN? AM I STILL JUST A DEFECTIVE SLAVE AFTER ALL...?
OH NO, HONEY. YOU'VE GOT IT ALL WRONG.
THAT'S LOVE-SICKNESS YOU'RE DESCRIBING. ♡
LOVE... SICKNESS?
WHEN YOU FALL IN LOVE WITH SOMEONE, YOU WANT TO BECOME THAT PERSON'S EVERYTHING.
SO WHAT YOU'RE FEELING IS JEALOUSY TOWARD SOMEONE ELSE.
I'M SURE IKUHARA-KUN WOULD BE HAPPY TO HEAR THIS. ♡

LOVE
...?

I'M STARVIN' OVER HERE.
GOD, REN SURE IS LATE. WHAT ON EARTH COULD SHE BE UP TO?
YAWN
LOVE...?
Slump
IT COULDN'T BE LOVE... IT SIMPLY COULDN'T!
...???
LISTEN, MIU-CHAN.
HMM... WELL, HAVE IT YOUR WAY, THEN.
WHAT I'M FEELING MUST BE THE CHOOSING OF A MASTER BY A SLAVE...IT MUST BE THE GIFT!
B-BUT... THAT CAN'T BE. A DEARS CANNOT LOVE.
THAT'S JUST WHAT TAKEYA-SAMA SAID...

IT SEEMS WE CAN BENEFIT FROM ONE ANOTHER.
AND YOU WANT IKUHARA.
I WANT REN.
...WE SHOULD COOPERATE TOGETHER ON THIS?
WOULDN'T YOU SAY...
OH, NOW YOU COME HOME.
I'M HOME.

I WANT TO FEEL TAKEYA MORE...
MORE...
RE--
ALL REN NEEDS IS TAKEYA.
SINCE YOU'RE SO LATE I ALREADY DECIDED TO ORDER SOMETHING.
I'M GONNA HAVE FRIED RICE. YOU?
I WANT TAKEYA...
WAIT, WHAT --?
OKAY, THAT'S ONE TAKEYA...
?!

URG ...
smak
smak
lick
MORE ...
WITH TAKEYA ...
smak
... NNGH ...
huff
gasp
I WANT TO MIX OUR JUICES.
smak
smak
.....

R-REN ALSO... DOESN'T KNOW...WHY SHE'S DOING THIS...
huff
huff
... STUPI --
...GASP... WHAT DO YOU THINK...YOU'RE DOING...

CAN YOU NOT...
...BE SATISFIED WITH REN? IS REN NOT ENOUGH?
DOES MASTER...
...PREFER...
...M-MIU...?
WHA ...?
DON'T BE... SUCH AN IDIOT...
I...
I'M A GUY AFTER ALL, RIGHT?

IS IT REALLY... OKAY WITH YOU?
DUMMY.
STOP SHAKING.
I WANT TO DO IT, BUT...
IT'S LIKE THIS, REN.
THIS PROBABLY SOUNDS REALLY STUPID, BUT I'VE HAD MY OWN DREAMS ABOUT DOING IT AND STUFF...
ABOUT HOW I WANNA BE WITH A PERSON I LIKE...WITH A VIEW OF THE OCEAN...THE WORKS.

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TYPE...? UH...LISTEN, I'VE GOT... STANDARDS WHEN IT COMES TO... YOU KNOW... THAT SPECIAL SOMEONE...
YOU MEAN... REN REALLY ISN'T TAKEYA'S TYPE?
SO IF WE JUST KEPT ON THIS PATH RIGHT NOW...IT JUST...
COME ON, DON'T MAKE ME SAY ALL OF IT...
SH-SHE'S GOTTA BE OLDER...AND HAVE ADULT... YOU KNOW...
TAKEYA'S TYPE!!
REN ISN'T...
THOUGH I APPRECIATE WHAT YOU'VE SAID...

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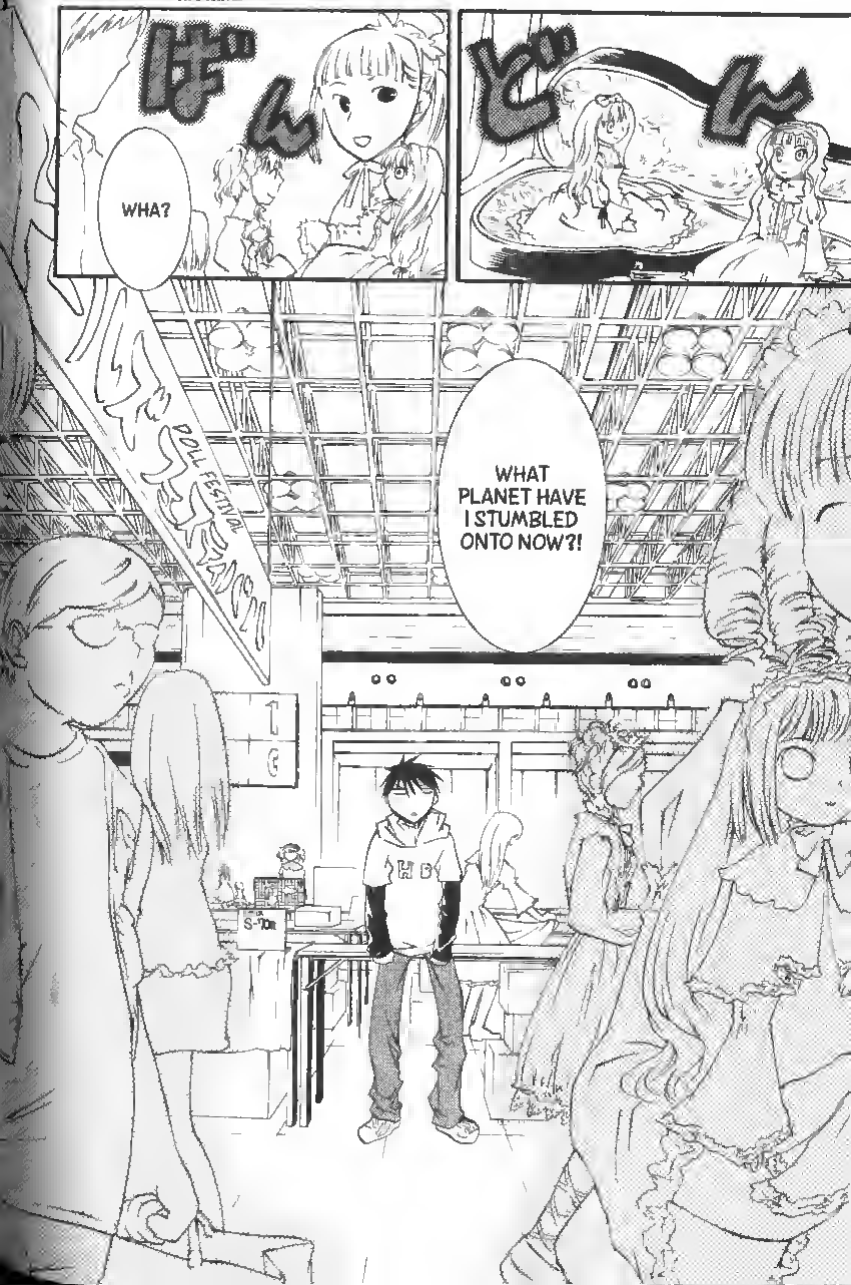
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WHA?
DOLL FESTIVAL
WHAT PLANET HAVE I STUMBLED ONTO NOW?!

TAKEYA! DID YOU GET THE CHANGE LIKE I ASKED YOU TO?
OW!
WE'RE NOT GOING TO MAKE IT IN TIME FOR THE TEN O CLOCK OPENING.
HMPH, NO GOOD. THE HEM OF MY LATEST DRESS CREATION HAS A FRAYED SPOT.
WHY DO I GOTTA GET DRAGGED INTO THIS? ON A DAY OFF, NO LESS...
QUIT COMPLAINING AND HELP ME OUT.
I'VE BEEN PRETTY MUCH KEEPING MY HOBBY CREATING THESE THINGS A SECRET, BUT...
...MY ONE ASSISTANT. MY KID BROTHER, SUDDENLY BAILED ON ME BECAUSE OF A CRAM SCHOOL PRACTICE TEST.
I'M SURE THAT WAS HIS REASON...
MIU... IS THIS A STITCHING FESTIVAL?
NO, REN-SAN. IT'S EMBROIDERY.

WHY ARE THEY HERE?!
NATURALLY, IT'S A SLAVE'S DUTY TO ALWAYS BE BY HER MASTER'S SIDE.
SINCE M-MIU WAS GOING, REN CAME AS WELL.
けんなり
SORRY I HAVE TO MAKE YOU TWO MY SALES PROMOTION GIRLS.
THOSE DRESSES ARE DEAPS-SIZED REPLICAS OF THE NEWEST DOLL DESIGNS I'M SELLING TODAY.
It's maker for some publicity

I SWEAR...THE ATMOSPHERE IN THIS PLACE AIN'T NORMAL.
DOLLS... FIGURINES, EH?
IT'S THE DOLL FESTIVAL, OR DOLLFEST FOR SHORT.
THERE'S EVEN THE POPULAR 60 CM DOLL.
ANYTHING YOU CAN CALL A DOLL, YOU CAN FIND HERE. THIS IS TRULY AN EVENT FOR EVERY KIND OF DOLL FAN THERE IS.
YOU CAN FIND DOLLS OF ALL KINDS, FROM ANIME FIGURINES TO 16 CM DOLLS.
STILL...
WELL, WELL...YOU REMEMBERED.
OH, IT'S SPACE NURSE NANA!
AND HERE'S HER PRETTY MAID CHAPPY!
THIS ENTIRE DOLL GARMENT WAS HANDMADE BY IZUMI-SAMA... IT'S SIMPLY DAZZLING!
YOU'RE A LITTLE OFF, BUT...
I'M SURPRISED YOU HAVEN'T OUTGROWN PLAYING WITH DOLLS, NENEKO.

I'VE ALSO ALWAYS LIKED MOLDING BY HAND.
SO ONCE I STARTED TINKERING WITH EVEN THE BASE FORM OF THE DOLL...IT DIDN'T TAKE LONG FOR ME TO REALLY GET INTO THIS HOBBY.
IT'S PRETTY FUN MAKING CLOTHES THAT COULDN'T POSSIBLY FUNCTION IN THE REAL WORLD.
AND WHEN YOU MAKE THEM FOR A DOLL, THOUGH THE SEWING CAN BE VERY METICULOUS, AT LEAST THE CLOTH IS RATHER INEXPENSIVE
I STARTED OFF JUST MAKING THEM BY REQUEST AS MODELS FOR COSPLAY OUTFITS.
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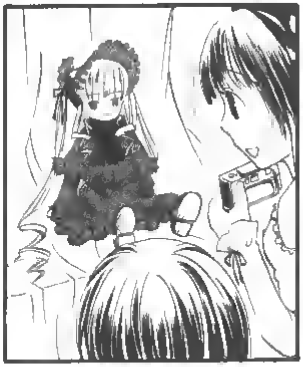
NO, NO, NO... I COPIED IT OFF AN ANIME CHARACTER DESIGN AND SIMPLY CUSTOMIZED THE READY-MADE HEAD.
BASE FORM... AS IN, YOU MADE THAT DOLL YOURSELF?
Wig
Body
Head
Glass Eyes
...AND THAT'S HOW YOU CAN CREATE A DOLL.
...CAN BE CUSTOMIZED AFTER ASSEMBLING THE MANY READY-MADE PARTS TO FORM THE BASE.
THE CURRENTLY POPULAR URETHANE FOAM 60-CM BALL-JOINTED DOLL, THE "DOLLY DORIN"...

SO THEN, THAT THING'S NOT FOR SALE.
YOU MIGHT SAY IT'S MORE LIKE A DISPLAY MANNEQUIN.
HMM... IT'S A LITTLE DOLL WEARING A BONNET.
LOOKS LIKE GOTHIC LOLITA TO ME.
YOU TWO ARE DEAD WRONG...
FIRST OFF, THIS IS NOT A BONNET! IT'S A HEAD-DRESS!
IF ANY-THING, IT'S A BONNET-LIKE HEADDRESS!!
A BONNET DOESN'T WRAP AROUND THE BACK OF THE HEAD LIKE THIS ONE HERE!
SECONDLY, THIS IS NO WAY GOTHIC LOLITA!
IF YOU ARE GOING TO LABEL IT GOTHIC LOLITA, IT SHOULD HAVE A LITERARY OR DECADENT TONE!
I, FOR ONE, DON'T SEE ANY TONE TO THIS DOLL THAT WOULD MAKE ME THINK IT'S GOTHIC LOLITA!!
EXCUSE ME. I JUST GOT A LITTLE EXCITED, THAT'S ALL...
WOW... THERE SURE IS A LOT TO THIS...
Now, without further ado..
Doesn't matter to me one way or the other.

The 30th annual...
...Doll Festival will now begin!
WHOA!
ONE OF THE LATEST DRESSES, PLEASE.
THAT WILL BE 5000 YEN.
ME, TOO!
TAKEYA! BRING OUT THE OUTFIT STOCKPILE!
WH-WH-WHA--?!

WHAT'RE YOU LOOKING AT? YOU GOT A PROBLEM WITH MY SCREEN NAME?!
YUMEMI ...?
OMIGOD!! IT'S THE REAL THING! I'M LIKE YOUR BIGGEST FAN! CAN I PLEASE TOUCH YOUR HAND?!
UH.. SURE.

Note Yumemigahara = Dream Viewer



I ABSOLUTELY LOVE YOUR HEAD ACCESSORIES AND DRESSES, RIRIA-SAN!
I ALSO CHECK YOUR WEB SITE FOR UPDATES ALL THE TIME!
PLEASE SHAKE MY HAND, TOO!

HUH?
PHEW... CHRIST, THIS PLACE IS A MADHOUSE.
N-NO, REN WILL!
IN THAT CASE, I'LL GO BREAK SOME OF THE BILLS.
UH-OH. LOOKS LIKE WE'RE RUNNING LOW ON CHANGE.
WHOA... I CAN'T BELIEVE WE REALLY SOLD OUT.
SURE DID... I WOULD NEVER'VE BEEN ABLE TO DO IT WITHOUT YOUR HELP.
SOLD OUT

HM?
THIS REALLY IS AMAZING...
OH, COME ON. DON'T POKE FUN AT ME. IT'S JUST A DUMB CRAZE I'M INTO.
...OH.
I NEVER KNEW YOU HAD THIS KIND OF SKILL IN YOU.
YOU MADE THE WHOLE THING, FROM THE FACE OF THE DOLL TO THE CLOTHING.
IT'S JUST MIND-BOGGLING.
UM, EXCUSE ME, BUT DO YOU THINK IT'D BE ALL RIGHT IF I JUST TOOK A PICTURE OR TWO?
AAAW... SHE SOLD OUT...

THESE THINGS... REALLY CHARM SOME PEOPLE, DON'T THEY? THOUGH IT'S ALL NEW TO ME.
I DON'T COMPLETELY GET IT MYSELF, BUT I GET THE FEELING IT TOUCHED THEM.
THIS ONE DISPLAY GOT THOSE PEOPLE ALL WORKED UP.
THIS DOLL AND HER CLOTHES CAME ABOUT ONLY BECAUSE OF INFLUENCES I PICKED UP FROM ANIME AND MANGA.
RECENTLY I'VE DABBLED A LITTLE IN CREATING AN ORIGINAL DESIGN, BUT...
I'M HONORED TO HEAR YOU SAY THAT.
BUT I'M STILL FAR FROM CREATING A DOLL ENTIRELY FROM SCRATCH ALL BY MYSELF.

OH?
ACTUALLY, TAKEYA...
...SOMEDAY I WANT TO MAKE SOMETHING REALLY GRAND.
IT'S A DREAM...
BUT CALLING IT THAT ALWAYS MAKES IT SEEM LIKE SUCH A NEBULOUS CONCEPT.

WHEN I WAS A LITTLE GIRL, I WAS DOWNRIGHT STUNNED BY A MONSTER I SAW IN THIS ONE MOVIE.
IT WASN'T THAT IT WAS A PARTICULARLY UNIQUE COSTUME OR ANYTHING, BUT...
...I COULD NOT BELIEVE THAT HUMAN HANDS COULD CREATE SUCH A THING.
IN THAT MOMENT, THE WORLD OF FICTION BECAME SOMETHING TANGIBLE TO ME.
THAT'S WHY I WANT TO TRY AND CREATE A WORLD THAT'S SOMETHING ONLY I COULD MAKE.
IF I KEEP DOING WHAT I DO...
...MAYBE THAT SOMETHING WILL EVENTUALLY COME TO BE.

...IF I WERE TO DROP OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL, EVEN WITH THE QUALIFICATIONS, I'D NEVER BE ABLE TO LAND A STEADY JOB.
MY MOTHER ALWAYS TOLD ME TO GO DOWN THE PATH I WANTED TO, BUT...WITH BROTHERS TO LOOK AFTER...
DON'T BE SILLY. WHAT I DO IS JUST A HOBBY--THAT'S ALL.
IT'S IMPRESSIVE THAT YOU ALREADY KNOW WHAT YOU WANT TO DO IN YOUR FUTURE.
A WHOLE WORLD?
...CHILDHOOD DREAM OF MINE.
...THAT'S NOT THE ONLY...
AND BESIDES ...
PARDON ME, BUT...
WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?
HMPH! IT'S NOTHING THAT WOULD CONCERN A TWO-SLAVE-OWNING MASTER LIKE YOU!
HUH?
WHAT'S ANOTHER ONE, THEN?
.....
...WHO?
...COULD I BEG A MOMENT OF YOUR TIME?

WHAT IS IT, REN-SAN?
MIU...
WE WERE, YES...
WEREN'T WE SUPPOSED TO...GET CHANGE FOR THE BOOTH...?
Serious
OH, SISTER-CHAN! COULD YOU PLEASE DO THE TWO-HANDED CROSS NEXT?
IS IT... LIKE THIS?
LOOK THIS WAY, PLEASE!!
IT'S AN OUT OF THIS WORLD DOUBLE FEATURE OF PRINCESS ROSE AND HUNTER SISTER!!

SEE YOU, THEN.
I...I...
I CAN'T BELIEVE...
SO? WHO WAS THE OLD MAN?
?
THAT WAS TATSUHIKO KAWA-RAZAKI!
TATSUHIKO KAWARAZAKI SPOKE TO ME!!
KAWA... WHO?
YOU DON'T KNOW?! HE'S A TOP CREATURE DESIGNER!
THE TATSUHIKO KAWARAZKI!
WHO'S THAT?

M-M-MY WORKS...
WHOA... WHY ARE YOU SHAKING? CALM DOWN.
HE ASKED IF I WOULD COME TO TAKE A TOUR OF HIS STUDIO.
HE SAID HE SAW THEM ON THE WEB...AND HE LIKED THEM.
I-I-I DON'T KNOW... I M NOT CUT OUT TO BE AN APPRENTICE... BUT...
YOU MEAN... LIKE AN APPREN-TICE?
TAKEYA... WHAT DO I DO...?
WHAT DO I DO...
I CAN'T BELIEVE A GOD LIKE HIM SPOKE TO ME!!
WAAAAH!!

WHAT, YOU MEAN YOU ACTUALLY DID SOMETHING?
PHEW... THAT WAS QUITE A CRAZY EVENT. YES IT WAS...
I'M POOPED.
TAKEYA?
.....
OW! OW OW OW OW!!
WH-WHAT'RE YOU DOIN'?!

I HEARD THAT ON THIS PLANET THERE IS A CUSTOM OF HAVING A "KNEE-PILLOW" IN WHICH ONE CAN SLEEP WITH ONE'S HEAD ON ANOTHER'S LAP IN TIMES OF FATIGUE.
SO, I THOUGHT IT MOST APPROPRIATE THAT I EXECUTE THAT CUSTOM AT THIS TIME.
OW!! THIS IS NOT WORKING FOR ME!
AM I DOING IT WRONG?
THE GUY'S SUPPOSED TO BE ABLE TO SLEEP WITH HIS HEAD ON YOUR LAP! NOT BETWEEN YOUR KNEES!
OH? THEN PLEASE TEACH ME, MASTER.
OH...!
GUESS THIS'LL DO...

ROGER.
IT'S FINE THIS WAY. JUST LEARN IT.
BUT... DOESN'T THIS MAKE IT MORE LIKE A "THIGH-PILLOW"?
TAKEYA ...
IS THERE SOMETHING... GETTING YOU DOWN...?
AND THAT'S BECAUSE REN'S TAKEYA'S SLAVE NOW AND FOREVER. YES SHE IS!
REN NEVER WORRIES A THING ABOUT HER FUTURE!
I'M NOT LIIISTENING... SO YOU CAN SHUT UUUP NOW...
WELL...
I'VE GOT THINGS TO WORRY ABOUT....LIKE, THE FUTURE AND STUFF...
THE FUTURE...?
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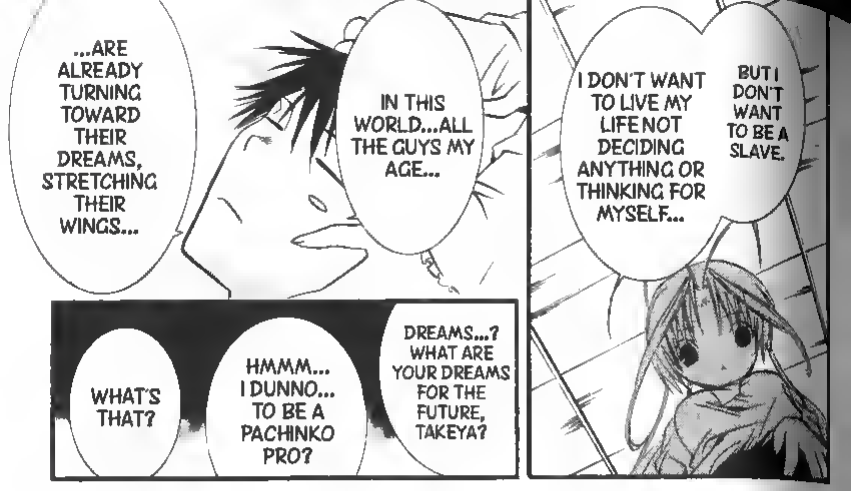
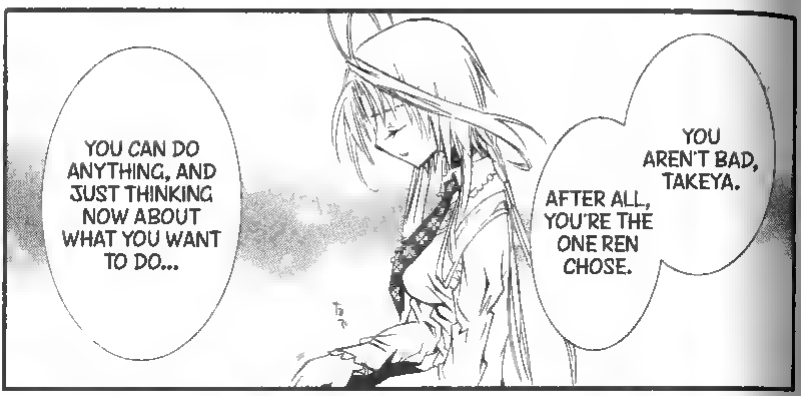

...ARE ALREADY TURNING TOWARD THEIR DREAMS, STRETCHING THEIR WINGS...
IN THIS WORLD...ALL THE GUYS MY AGE...
I DON'T WANT TO LIVE MY LIFE NOT DECIDING ANYTHING OR THINKING FOR MYSELF...
BUT I DON'T WANT TO BE A SLAVE.
WHAT'S THAT?
HMMM... I DUNNO... TO BE A PACHINKO PRO?
DREAMS...? WHAT ARE YOUR DREAMS FOR THE FUTURE, TAKEYA?

Note Pachinko is a gambling game sort of like pinball

THERE'S NOTHING I HAVE ANY PASSION FOR, AND I'VE GOT NO GOALS IN MIND...
I'M NOT VERY SMART, AND I DON'T HAVE ANYWHERE NEAR THE KINDS OF SKILLS NENEKO HAS.
I DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT I WANNA DO... THERE'S NOTHING I'VE GOT ANY PARTICULAR DRIVE FOR...
IT'S BEGINNING TO MAKE ME FEEL LIKE A FAILURE.
MY DAD TOLD ME TO JUST GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL AND WORK TO PAY BACK THE TUITION.
BUT IT'S NOT LIKE I'VE ACTUALLY SAT DOWN AND FIGURED OUT HOW I'M GOING TO PULL THAT OFF.

THAT'S NOT TRUE.
I BELIEVE IN YOU.


YOU CAN DO ANYTHING, AND JUST THINKING NOW ABOUT WHAT YOU WANT TO DO...
AFTER ALL, YOU'RE THE ONE REN CHOSE.
YOU AREN'T BAD, TAKEYA.

...REN BELIEVES IN YOU ONE HUNDRED PERCENT.
EVEN IF NO ONE IN THE WHOLE WORLD BELIEVES IN YOU...
I'M NOT EXAGGER-ATING.
...SHOWS HOW AMAZING A PERSON YOU ARE.
OH, STOP EXAGGER-ATING.

AAH...
IF I LET MYSELF GET CARRIED AWAY SO EASILY, I'LL HEAD DOWN THE WRONG ROAD...
IS IT REALLY SUCH A GOOD IDEA TO LISTEN TO SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T EVEN HAVE AN INHERENT SENSE OF INDEPENDENCE?
.....
.....
SHALL I MAKE DINNER NOW, TAKEYA?
I REALLY AM A GOOD-FOR-NOTHING!
WHAT AM I GONNA DOOOOO?!
ROGER.
YOU CAN DO IT LATER...

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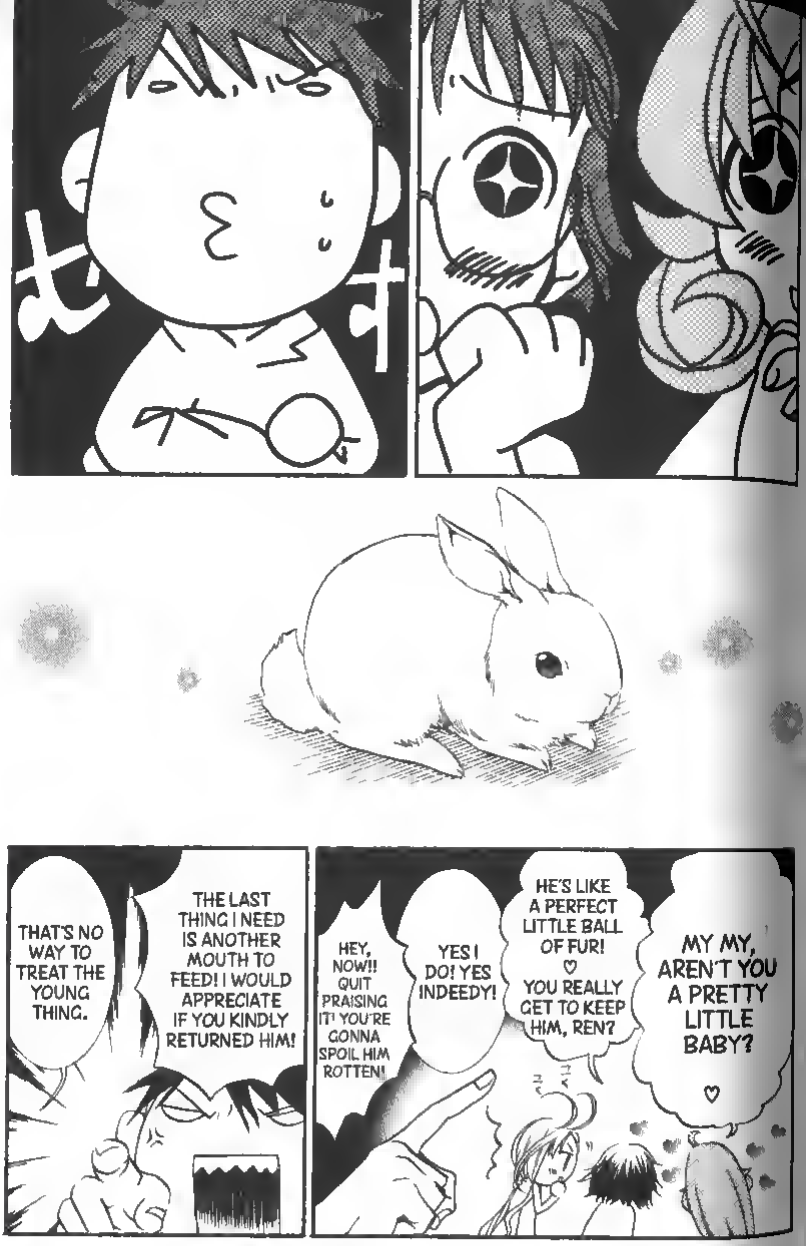
OMIGOD!!
THEY'RE SOOOO CUTE!!
THEY WERE JUST BORN!
OHH...
FOR REAL? OOOOH, I WANNA HOLD ONE!!
AAAW, THEY'RE SOOO FLUFFY!!
NOW STUDENTS, REMEMBER THAT OUR PRIMARY DUTY HERE IS ONE OF SERVICE-- CLEANING UP THE RABBIT PEN!
YES, SIR!

SO THIS IS A BABY RABBIT.
WOW, HE'S AS LIGHT AS SILK.
THAT'S CUZ HE'S STILL JUST A BABE.
HERE YOU GO, REN-CHAN.
NICE AND EASY.
AMAZ-ING, ISN'T IT?
IT'S SO STRANGE... HOW CAN SO MANY LITTLE BABIES COME OUT OF ONE MAMA RABBIT'S BODY...?
THIS ONE HERE'S THE MAMA RABBIT. CAN YOU SEE THE FAMILY RESEMBLANCE?
YOU'RE A STRANGE LITTLE CREATURE.
STRANGE ...

OH, AREN'T THEY JUST THE LOVELIEST LITTLE DARLINGS?!
REN-CHA--
THAT SO...?
...THESE BABIES AND THEIR MOTHER ARE ALL GOING TO THE ELEMENT-ARY.
THAT'S RIGHT. SINCE THIS BREED-ING PEN S GOTTEN TOO CRAMPED FOR THIS MANY RABBITS...
YOU MEAN YOU RE DONATING THEM TO THE ELEMENTARY STUDENTS?
THEY RE BOUND TO BE A HUGE HIT AT THE NEARBY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL--I M SURE OF IT!
IN THAT CASE...


THAT'S NO WAY TO TREAT THE YOUNG THING.
THE LAST THING I NEED IS ANOTHER MOUTH TO FEED! I WOULD APPRECIATE IF YOU KINDLY RETURNED HIM!
HEY, NOW!! QUIT PRAISING IT! YOU'RE GONNA SPOIL HIM ROTTEN!
YES! I DO! YES INDEEDY!
HE'S LIKE A PERFECT LITTLE BALL OF FUR! ♡ YOU REALLY GET TO KEEP HIM, REN?
MY MY, AREN'T YOU A PRETTY LITTLE BABY? ♡

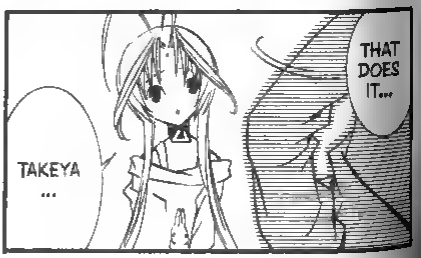
TOSSING A POOR, FRAIL BUNNY LIKE THAT BACK INTO THE COLD, HARD WORLD.
NOT ONLY DOES IT MAKE ME DOUBT YOUR MANLINESS, BUT ALSO YOUR HUMANITY.
WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE?!
THE PRINCIPAL SENT ME HERE TO LEAVE THIS BUNNY WITH REN.
YOU COULD SAY THAT REN AND I ARE THAT LITTLE FELLA'S HOSTPARENTS.
IF HIM BEING HERE IS SUCH A PROBLEM FOR YOU, HE'LL BE MORE THAN WELCOME AT MY HOUSE. I'LL JUST NEED TO CHILD-SAFE MY ROOM A BIT.
OF COURSE, REN-CHAN WILL HAVE TO COME OVER EVERY DAY AFTER SCHOOL TO VISIT HIM. RIGHT, REN-CHAN?
WHAA ...?!
B-BUT REN... LIKES THIS LITTLE...
TAKEYA ...
CAN'T HE STAY...?

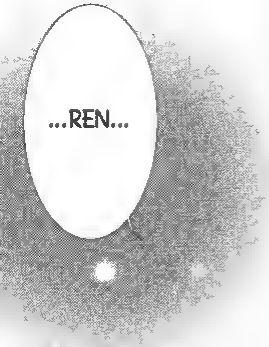
HMM... THIS DOESN'T LOOK GOOD.
OH MY... THERE'S NOT A SINGLE CARROT TO BE FOUND IN THIS PLACE!
SUCH A SHAME. AND I WAS HOPING TO COOK UP A CARROT SAUTEE FOR THE BUNNY.
HOW ABOUT WE TRY GIVING HIM SOME MILK?

ER...
IS IT NOT OKAY?

WELL, SINCE MOCHI AND IO ARE COMING TO LIVE AT MY PLACE...
AND NIA HAS GONE TO LIVE AT NATSUKI'S, THERE'S DEFINITELY ROOM.

WELL, WOULD YOU LOOK AT THAT?! WE DO HAVE SOME POTATOES. WHAT DO YOU ALL SAY TO KOFUKI-IMO TONIGHT?
HEY, TAKEYA-- MIND IF I BRING OUT A BLANKET? OUR LITTLE RABBIT'S GONNA CATCH A COLD WITH THIS DRAFT.
SHEEESH!! CAN YOU GET ANY MORE ANNOYING?!


THAT DOES IT...
TAKEYA ...


...REN...

SIGN Dogs Cats Small Birds

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REN!
OH, GOOD QUESTION... HOW OLD IS THE LITTLE GUY?
SO IT'S A BABY RABBIT, YOU SAY? HOW OLD IS IT?
OH, SORRY.
WHAT'RE YOU DOING? WE CAME TO GET RABBIT-CARE STUFF, REMEMBER?
O... KAY...
NO...I COULD'VE SWORN HE WAS THIS BIG.
HE'S ABOUT THIS BIG, AND HE'S LIGHTER THAN AIR.

SO, WHAT DO YOU USUALLY FEED HIM?
UH...HE'S BEEN EATING CABBAGE AND CARROTS, MAINLY. HE SEEMS TO LIKE THOSE.
I SEE...IN THAT CASE, I BELIEVE THIS FOOD OVER HERE WOULD SUIT HIM WELL.
IT'S PELLET FOOD FORMULATED FOR RABBITS AGED SIX MONTHS AND OLDER.
NOW TAKE CARE TO FILL HIS BOWL WITH THIS TWICE A DAY, AND MAKE SURE HE ALWAYS HAS ENOUGH WATER TO DRINK...
OH GREAT... ANOTHER USELESS DRAIN ON MY WALLET.
WE FINALLY GOT THAT LITTLE KID OFF OUR HANDS, AND NOW WE GOT OURSELVES A RABBIT... WHEN AM I EVER GONNA GET ANY PEACE AND QUIET AROUND HERE?
.....

SHE SAID THAT... REN AND IO MUSTN'T BE TOGETHER.
THAT'S WHAT MIU TOLD ME.
IO...
...IS NOT MY CHILD.
HMMM ...?
SHE JUST SAID SHE HAD A BAD FEELING ABOUT IT...
I DON'T KNOW...
WELL, I DON'T THINK ANYONE THOUGHT SHE ACTUALLY WAS YOUR KID, BUT WHAT MADE MIU SAY THAT NOW?
SO, REN WANTS TO TAKE CARE OF THE LITTLE RABBIT.
I'LL SHOW HIM THAT I MAKE A FINE MAMA RABBIT!
MAMA RABBIT?
MAMA RABBIT!
THAT'S A LITTLE WEIRD, BUT... WHATEVER. YOU DO THAT, REN. WE'VE SPENT THIS MUCH MONEY ON IT ALREADY.

REN WILL DO HER BEST!
RABIRABI FOOD
NUTRI-PACKED!
YUMMY!
BABES PX
Top model photos!

OH, COME ON! WHERE'D YOU LEARN SOMETHING LIKE THAT?!
HEY, I HEARD RABBIT MEAT MAKES FOR A KILLER BROTH-NII!!!
COOL IT, YOU TWO...
OH WOW, HE'S SO SOFT!
HIS NOSE JUST KEEPS ON WIGGLING, DOESN'T IT-NI?
IT APPEARS THAT IT'S MATURED A BIT, WOULDN'T YOU SAY?
DON'T PLAY TOO ROUGH WITH HIM. RABBITS ARE NERVOUS CREATURES.
OH!
AAAW! IT'S GOTTEN ATTACHED TO REN-SAN! I'M SO JEALOUS!
THAT'S JUST CUZ SHE'S THE ONE WHO'S SPOILING IT.

WHAT'S SO FUNNY?
NOTHING... YOU'RE RIGHT, THOUGH. THE ROOM'S GOTTEN COVERED IN THESE LITTLE BLACK BEANS...
.....
Hoh Hoh!
LOOKS LIKE WE'RE GONNA HAVE TO BUY A CAGE FOR IT SOON.
I HEARD YOU CAN HOUSETRAIN THEM, BUT WE'VE HAD NO LUCK SO FAR.
NAH, HE'S JUST WORN OUT FROM ALL THE EXCITEMENT, THAT'S ALL.
HUH, THE LITTLE FELLA DOESN'T LOOK VERY ENERGETIC.
OH... OKAY.
NIA WANTS A TASTE OF HIM, TOO!
AWW, REN-SAN'S HOGGING THE RABBIT! LET ME HOLD HIM A BIT, TOO!

OH, I DON'T...
...KNOW ABOUT THAT...
YEAH. YOU ALIENS HAVE THOSE TOO, RIGHT? MOTHERLY INSTINCTS, THAT KINDA STUFF.
.....
MOTHER...?
LOOKS LIKE SHE REALLY CAN FILL THE MOTHER ROLE.
HEY, HEY, REN-SAN! WHAT'S THIS LITTLE GUY'S NAME, ANYWAY?
?
NAME ...?
HUH. YOU RE RIGHT... IT'S ABOUT TIME WE GOT SOMETHING TO CALL THE CRITTER...
YOU CAN NAME HIM ANYTHING YOU WANT, REN.
NAME HIM? ME?
WELL, I CAN SEE THAT HE'S A RABBIT. DON'T YOU HAVE A NAME FOR HIM YET?
RABBIT.

.....
WHAT FOR...? WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?
WHAT FOR?

Sign Fresh Made Bread
Fairy Tale

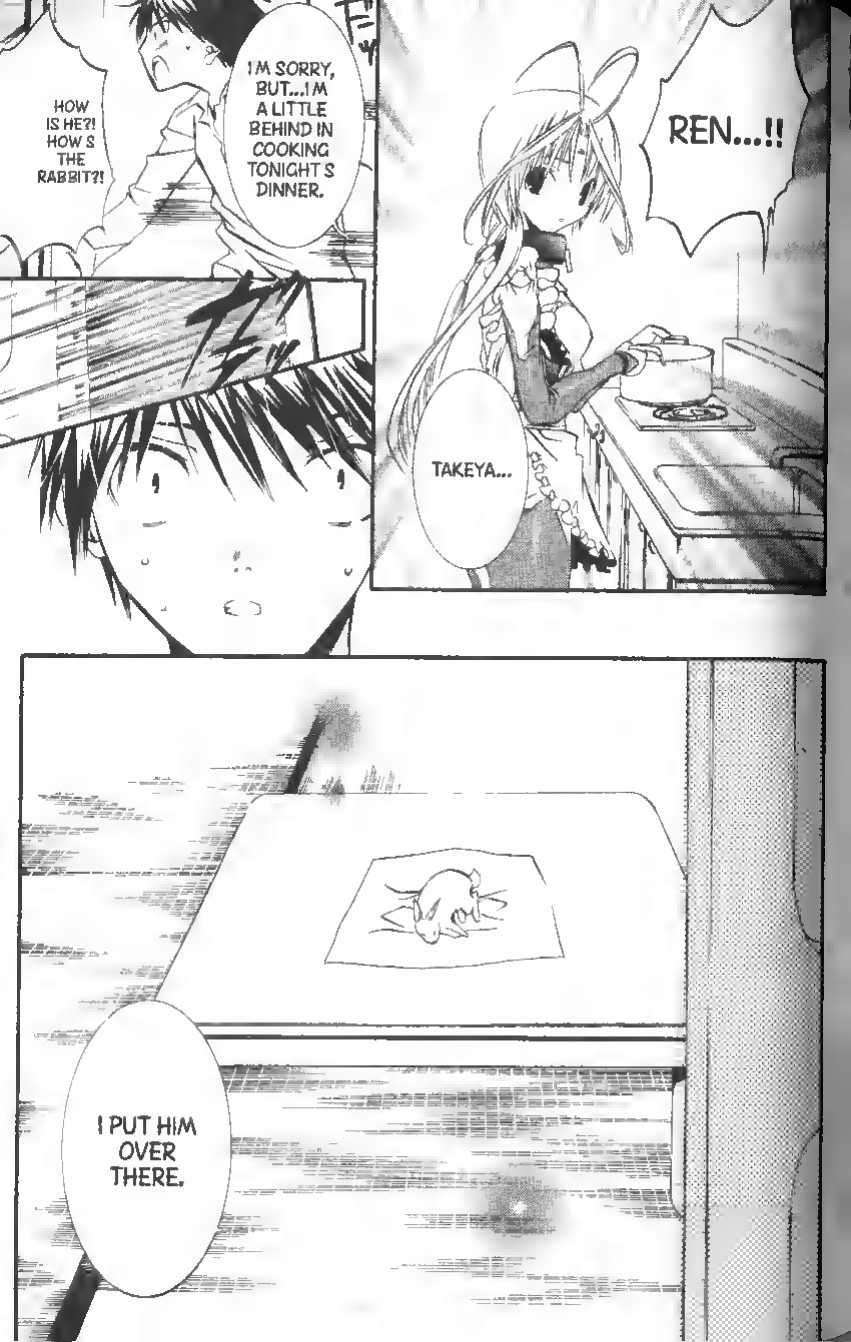
TEACHER NEEDS HER FAIRY TALE HOTEL BREAD TO GET HER THROUGH THE DAY.
MITSUKA-SENSEI... THE USUAL, I TAKE IT?
WELL, IF IT ISN'T IKUHARA-KUN! GOOD MO-HORNING! ♡
I GUESS IT'S GOOD THAT TEACHER'S SUCH A BIG SUPPORTER OF LOCAL PRODUCTS.
SINCE YOKKADO HAS ITS SUNDAY SPECIAL TODAY, I GOT MYSELF A REAL HAUL OF NEW UNDERWEAR. ♡
I THINK YOU ALREADY KNOW WHAT I WANT FROM YOU.
OH...YEAH, THOUGH I'M NOT SURE WHY...
...THAT REN-CHAN'S NOW IN CHARGE OF A NEWBORN RABBIT.
OH, THAT REMINDS ME. THE PRINCIPAL JUST TOLD ME...

Oh, the PASSION of it-girls!
WELL... WE'VE ONLY GOT A LITTLE BABY ONE, SO...
I don't think you need to be that serious about it...
YOU MUST TAKE CARE WITH MIXED GROUPS! EVEN IF THEY'RE BROTHERS AND SISTERS, IF YOU DON'T PUT THEM IN SEPARATE CAGES, THEY'LL BE HUMPING BEFORE YOU CAN SAY ABSTINENCE!!
OH, THEIR SEXUAL PROWESS UTTERLY SURPASSES THE IMAGINATION! THEY'RE SAVAGE BEASTS IN HERBIVORE CLOTHING!!
RABBITS ARE JUST WONDERFUL! WHY, MY OWN FAMILY BACK HOME OWNS QUITE A FEW.
R-RIGHT ...
THAT'S RIGHT.
Maybe MINE? I have to put my hands there
huff
huff
huff
OH...? YOU MEAN IT'S NOT EVEN WITH ITS MOTHER?
HUH...?
DEAR ME... THAT'S SIMPLY NO GOOD...

RABBIT
...

REN WILL NOW...
...SHIFT HER LIFE ENERGY INTO YOU.
YOU'LL BE ALL RIGHT...
RABBIT...
...YOU'LL BE ALL RIGHT...

EVEN UP TO OVER A MONTH FOLLOWING THEIR BIRTH, THOUGH BABY RABBITS ARE ALREADY GROWING THEIR TEETH AND CAN START EATING GRASS...
huff
...THE ACIDS IN THEIR STOMACHS ARE STILL AT A NEUTRAL LEVEL, SO THEY MUST RECEIVE ANTIBODIES FROM THEIR MOTHER'S MILK IN ORDER TO PRODUCE THEIR OWN BACTERIA-FIGHTING ENZYMES.
SO YOU SHOULD TRY TO REUNITE IT WITH ITS MOTHER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
IF NOT...
huff
HOLD ON, LITTLE RABBIT... PLEASE, JUST WAIT A LITTLE LONGER!
huff
WE'LL GET YOU BACK TO YOUR MOTHER IN NO TIME...!


REN...!!
TAKEYA...
I'M SORRY, BUT...I'M A LITTLE BEHIND IN COOKING TONIGHT'S DINNER.
HOW IS HE?! HOW'S THE RABBIT?!
I PUT HIM OVER THERE.

HE'S DEAD.
...I'LL DISPOSE OF THE BODY.
AFTER DINNER...

HIS LIFE ENERGY HAS BEEN EXTINGUISHED. HE WILL SOON BEGIN DECOMPOSING.
HE IS NO LONGER A RABBIT. HE'S JUST ORGANIC MATTER.
...?!
HEY!
HEY!!
TAKEYA, I NEED TO ATTEND TO THE STOVE RIGHT NOW, SO IF YOU WOULD...
SHUT UP!
DO YOU...DO YOU REALLY MEAN WHAT YOU'RE SAYING?!
I THOUGHT YOU LOVED HIM!!

AS SLAVES, FREE WILL IS NOT A FACTOR IN OUR LIVES.
BECAUSE I'M JUST AN OBJECT, I CAN'T FORM ATTACHMENTS TO OTHER OBJECTS.
YOU SEE? WE ARE OBJECTS.
AND BECAUSE RABBIT'S MOTHER WAS AN OBJECT...
...AN OBJECT WAS ALL IT COULD EVER BE.
REN IS...
...JUST AN OBJECT.
BECAUSE REN IS NOTHING MORE THAN AN OBJECT...
REN...

YOU'RE WRONG.
REN.
YOU'RE NOT JUST SOME OBJECT.
AND THAT LITTLE RABBIT...
THIS DOESN'T CHANGE THE FACT THAT DURING THE SHORT TIME HE HAD WITH US, HE LIVED.
JUST BECAUSE HE DIED DOESN'T REDUCE HIM TO AN OBJECT.
SO PLEASE... STOP CRYING...
CRYING?
REN IS NOT CRYING.
YES, YOU ARE.

I DO NOT...
...UNDER-STAND...

WHERE DO WE...
WHAT SHOULD WE DO...?
WE'VE DRIFTED ALL THE WAY TO THIS DISTANT PLANET...
...ONLY TO LOSE YOU...?
...GO FROM HERE...?!

...TRYING TO PROLONG THE LIFE OF SOMEONE LIKE HER WHOSE LIFE HAS ALREADY BURNED OUT IS--
I KNOW THAT!
RUBI, YOU SHOULD GET SOME REST.
IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW LONG YOU STAY LIKE THAT--SHE'S NOT GOING TO WAKE UP.
EVEN IF YOU TRIED TEMPORARILY POURING YOUR LIFE ENERGY INTO HER...

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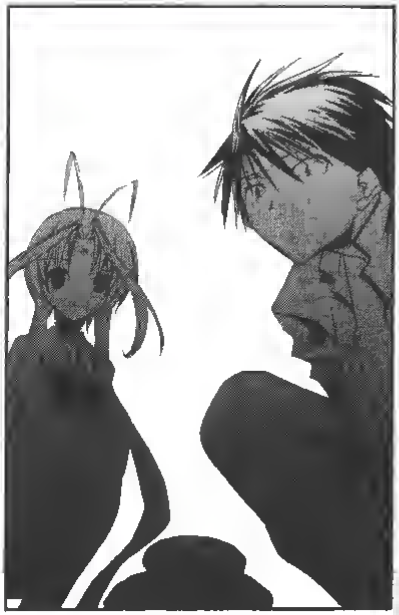
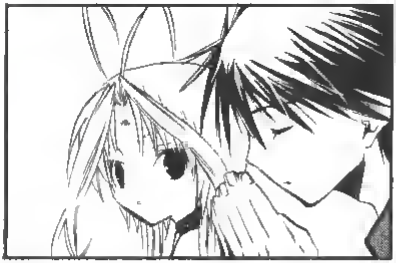
THE GATE...





7 A.M....
...AND 57 MINUTES.
AH!
THEY SHOULD BE ROUNDING THE CORNER IN JUST TWO MINUTES...
AHA!
THEY CAME OUT ONE MINUTE EARLIER THAN USUAL! MY HEART WASN'T PREPARED FOR IT...
UH...LET'S SEE.
ISN'T IT?!
A-A LOVELY MORNING!

GROWN ATTACHED TO YOU? LOOKS MORE LIKE THEY DON'T WANT TO BE ANYWHERE NEAR YOU.
OH, BUT THIS IS GOING TO BE DIFFICULT. THEY'VE ALREADY GROWN SO ATTACHED TO ME!!
Uh, really?
MEOW!
MEOW!
F-FANCY MEETING YOU TWO HERE.
MEOW
HISS
I WAS JUST ON MY WAY TO BRING THESE LOST KITTENS TO THE POLICE STATION.
BUT REALLY, IT'S SUCH A COINCIDENCE RUNNING INTO YOU TWO. HOW COMPLETELY RANDOM!
HISS
YOWL
MEOW
WHAT'S THIS?
MEOW!

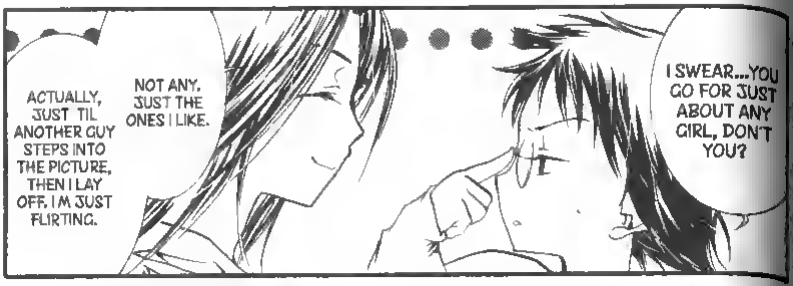
I'M SO HAPPY I FOUND YOU.
I SEE NOW... YOU MUST BE THESE LITTLE KITTENS' MOTHER.
mew
mew
!!
UM, MAY I ASK...DID SOMETHING HAPPEN TO YOU TWO?
NOT REALLY...

OH, GOOD MORNING, IZUMI-SAMA.
ACTUALLY, JUST TO CLEAR UP ANY MISCONCEPTIONS, I WAS JUST COINCIDENTALLY ON MY WAY THROUGH HERE. ABSOLUTELY PURELY BY COINCIDENCE.
OKAY, GUYS. LET'S GET A MOVE ON.
?
YO! MORNING. QUITE A CROWD WE HAVE TODAY.
?
I DIDN T HAVE THE FAINTEST IDEA THAT ANYTHING WAS WRONG EITHER.
WE REALLY DIDN'T KNOW WHAT WE WERE DOING, DID WE...?
WITHOUT THE PROPER KNOWLEDGE OR TRAIN-ING...
...TAKING IN ANOTHER LIVING THING IS JUST IMPOSSIBLE...
I SEE... IT'S A SHAME SOMETHING SO SAD HAD TO HAPPEN.
THE WAY IT WAS EATING ITS FOOD SO NATURALLY, I JUST ASSUMED IT HAD ALREADY BEEN PROPERLY WEANED OFF ITS MOTHER S MILK.

ANOTHER... LIVING THING...
THOUGH IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE IT LASTED TOO LONG.
I TAKE IT REN ALSO GOT QUITE A SHOCK FROM THE WHOLE THING...?
YOU COULD SAY THAT...

HEY.
HEY, YOU.
YO, YOU OVER THERE.
PRETTY BOY.
YES? OH, NENEKO-CHAN.

REN ALREADY WENT WITH TAKEYA TO HAVE HER LUNCH.
WELL, YOU'RE TOO LATE.
WHAAA?
YOU CAME LOOKING FOR REN, I TAKE IT.
ACTUALLY, YEAH. I WAS WONDERING IF SHE'D BE UP FOR SOME LUNCH WITH THE SCHOOL PRETTY BOY.
NOW, THAT'S STRANGE. I THOUGHT YOU USUALLY STUCK PRETTY CLOSE TO IKUHARA AND REN, NENEKO-CHAN.
HUH, I SUPPOSE YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO LOOK FOR THEM.
WHERE'D THEY GO?
I KNOW YOU'VE GOT THE POTENTIAL TO SHINE, TOO. IT JUST TAKES SOME POLISHING. HOW ABOUT I GIVE YOU A GOOD BUFFING?
G-GET OFFA ME! NOW I'M TICKED. DON'T YOU DARE TOUCH ME!
AWW, HOW ADORABLE. YOU'RE BLUSHING.
WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?


I SWEAR...YOU GO FOR JUST ABOUT ANY GIRL, DON'T YOU?
NOT ANY. JUST THE ONES I LIKE.
ACTUALLY, JUST 'TIL ANOTHER GUY STEPS INTO THE PICTURE, THEN I LAY OFF. I'M JUST FLIRTING.

LISTEN, PRETTY BOY.
BUT NO MATTER HOW LONG IT TAKES, I'M CONFIDENT THAT I CAN GET HER TO FALL FOR ME.
ramble
ramble
I'M REALLY HAVING TO PUT MY WHOLE HEART INTO IT.
ramble

BUT REN-CHAN IS A SPECIAL CASE.
FLIRTING WITH HER IS LIKE A CHALLENGE.

THAT'S NOT FLIRTING.
IN THE REAL WORLD, THAT'S CALLED "BEING SERIOUS."

WELL... SAY WHAT YOU LIKE, BUT AS YOU CAN SEE FOR YOUSELF, MY CHARM ALWAYS MAKES FOR A BIG BANG, YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN?
Aaah! Eeeek!
Boy
WOOT! I FOUND YOU, HIRO-KUN!
LET'S EAT LUNCH TOGETHER, HOT STUFF!
SERIOUS?
HIRO
I'VE GOT A BENTO YOU'RE GONNA LOVE!
EEEEK!

I'M A GUY GUILTY OF ONLY LOVING HIMSELF.
I BET YOU'RE WONDERING IF MY ALLURE COULD CROSS THE STRATOSPHERE.
HIRO-KUN'S CHARM WOULD CROSS THE GALAXY!
YOU CRIMINAL, YOU!
HIRO-KUN'S GUILTY, ALL RIGHT! GUILTY!!

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TAKEYA... DOES TODAY'S MELON BREAD TASTE BAD TO YOU?
N-NO... IT'S GOOD AS USUAL.
HOW 'BOUT YOU? YOU GONNA LEAVE ALL THAT UNEATEN?
HUH...?
もぐもぐもぐ
WHOA!
ガシャアア

HERE YOU ARE, TAKEYA-SAMA. FOR YOUUU!
Huff
Huff
Huff
I MADE A LITTLE TOOO MUUUCH THIS MORNING!
WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU?!
MY HANDMADE BENTO OUTDOES THAT ADDITIVE-FILLED CONVE-NIENCE STORE TREAT ANY DAY!!
NOW OPEN WIDE! OPEN WIDE FOR MOMMYYY!!
HOW DOES IT TASTE? DO YOU LIKE IT?
mmph
H--
HI'Z HO-GAY HI UESS. (IT'S OKAY, I GUESS.)
SPLASH
O-OH NO! HERE, HAVE THIS DRINK!
HRGK! GAH!

I KEEP TRYING TO TELL YOU, I'M NOT YOUR MASTER...
UH...NO, I WAS TALKING ABOUT BEFORE...
OH, HOW COULD I DO THIS TO MY MASTER? SOAKING HIM WITH THIS CARBONATED DRINK?! THEN I, TOO, SHALL POUR THIS GREEN TEA ALL OVER MYSELF...
I SWEAR...
HAVE YOU GOT SOME KINDA GRUDGE AGAINST ME...?
P-PLEASE FORGIVE ME!
OH MY, INDEED.
...WAIT-A-MINUTE. WHERE'D REN GO?
OH, THANK YOU, MY LOVELY KITTENS.
HIRO-KUN, WOULD YOU LIKE MORE COFFEE?
HAVE SOME MORE FRUIT, TOO!
Hee Hee! Omigod!

HIRO-KUN?
HEY, WAIT A MINUTE, HIRO-KUN!
WHERE RE YOU GOING, HIRO-KUN?
I CANNOT PERMIT THAT. IT'S STILL SOAKED THROUGH RIGHT HERE...
HEY... COME ON, I SAID IT DIDN'T MATTER.
IT'LL DRY BY ITSELF.

GOOD HEAVENS, IT GOT ALL THE WAY TO YOUR PANTS.
STOPPIT ...
JUST LEAVE IT!
THE BOTTOM TOO!
WE MUST REMOVE ALL THE BOTTOM LAYERS AS WELL!
COME, NOW...
WHOA!
NOW NOW, NO FUSSING. IT ALL HAS TO COME OFF!
EEEK!
I SAID, IT'LL BE FINE...
EEK! PLEASE... DON'T LASH OUT AT ME LIKE THAT!
WHAT IS WITH HER?
huff huff

WHOA ...
THE SKY'S SO CLEAR TODAY YOU CAN SEE THE SPACESHIP FROM HERE.
YOU'RE RIGHT.
IT'S BEEN THREE WEEKS SINCE COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE SHIP SUDDENLY CEASED.
WHAT COULD POSSIBLY HAVE HAPPENED WITHIN?

IF YOU SAY SO, MASTER.
GIVE IT A REST.
How many times I gotta tell you? I'm not your Master!
WELL...I BET EVEN UFOS HAVE TO SHUT DOWN FOR SYSTEMS CHECKUPS, RIGHT?
I WOULDN'T WORRY ABOUT IT TOO MUCH.
I SUPPOSE.
YOU KNOW, I WAS THINK-ING...
YOU REALLY HAVE CHANGED SINCE I FIRST MET YOU.
AT FIRST YOU WERE LIKE SOME KIND OF STUCK-UP, ELITE DEARS.
YOU WERE BOSSY TOWARD REN, AND ALWAYS KEPT UP THIS PRIM AND PROPER, COLD APPEARANCE.
BUT NOW THAT I'VE HUNG OUT WITH YOU MORE, I SEE THAT YOU REALLY ARE A GOOD PERSON.
A LOT LIKE AN OVER-ATTENTIVE GRAND-MOTHER.
WELL, I NEVER!
I'm

*Scanner's comment: Tokyopop's print-binding method, as you can see, leaves a lot to be desired. For the convenience of the readers, I've included the inset below to help you out a little. Hope it helps.
{Humanist}

I'VE BEEN MAKING BELIEVE THAT AN ALIEN COULD BE FAMILY.

BUT IN THE END...IT REALLY IS IMPOSSIBLE.

TAKEYA-SAMA...

SORRY I SAID ANY-THING. JUST FORGET IT, KAY?

...

...NO MATTER HOW CLOSE WE BECOME, WE WILL ALWAYS BE ALIEN TO EACH OTHER.

BUT THAT UNDERSTANDING HAS ONLY STOOD TO MAKE IT MORE AND MORE CLEAR TO ME THAT...

...LISTEN.

UH, NO... ACTUALLY ...

MAYBE YOU REALLY ARE AN ELITE DEARS AFTER ALL.

W-WAS THAT JUST NOW... A WAY OF PROPOSING IN THIS COUNTRY ...?

Calling me a grandmother, and all

...THEN IT'S DEFINITELY BECAUSE I MET YOU, MASTER.

IF YOU SAY I'VE CHANGED ...

LIVING WITH REN, I'VE GOTTEN TO UNDERSTAND HER LITTLE BY LITTLE.

AND SHE'S GOTTEN TO UNDERSTAND ME, TOO.

BUT YOU'RE... SAYING IT TOO...

AGAIN WITH THE "MASTER" STUFF.

JUST CUT IT OUT.

REN-CHAN.
YOU DON T LIKE MELON BREAD?
sniff
sniff
sniff
HIRO-KUN.
huff
huff
DID YOU COME TO LOOK AT THE RABBITS?
THE RABBIT THAT S STAYING AT YOUR PLACE MUST BE ABOUT THE SAME SIZE NOW TOO, RIGHT?
THEY'VE GOTTEN A LITTLE BIGGER.

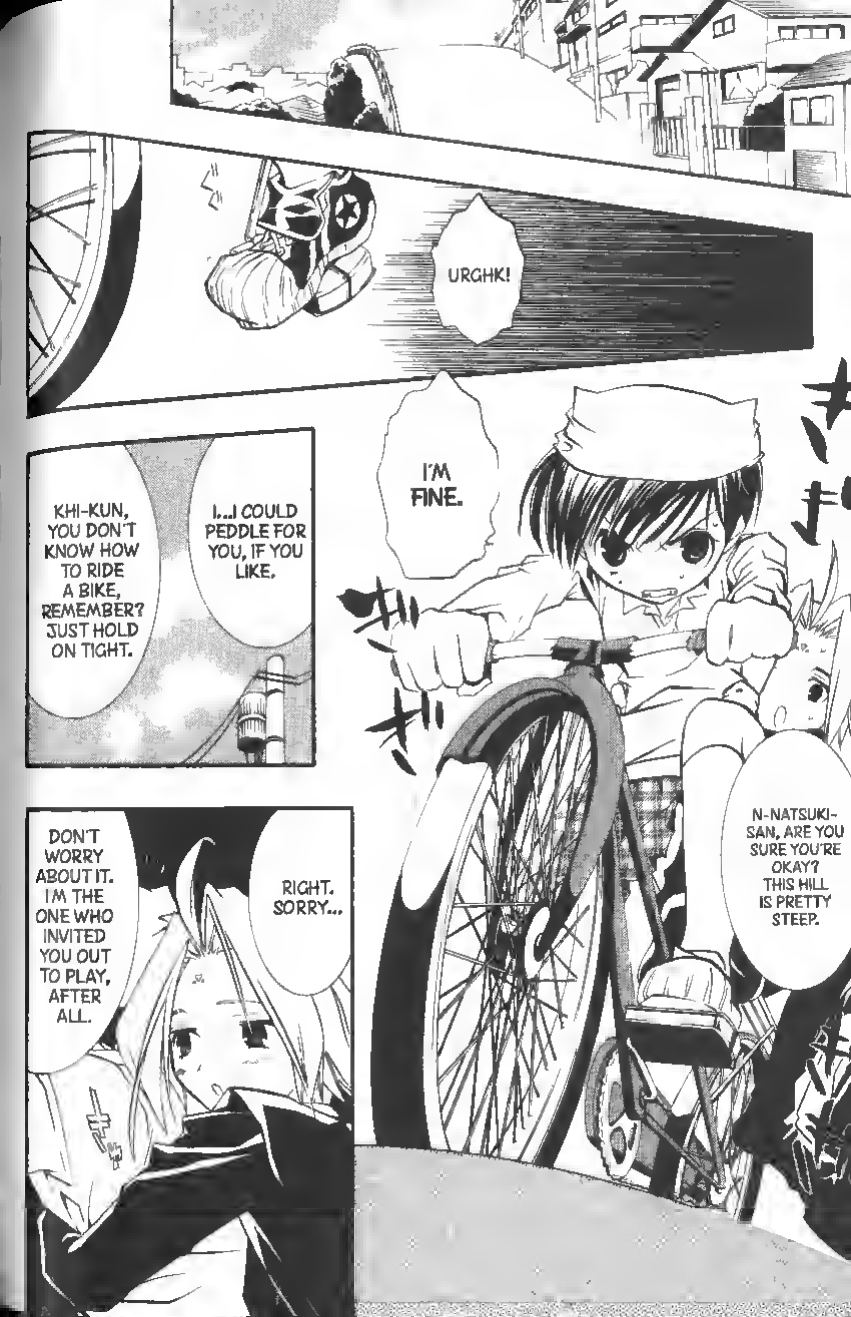
SAID GOOD-BYE...?
THAT'S WHAT TAKEYA CALLED IT.
I WOULDN'T KNOW.
I SAID GOODBYE TO HIM.
HE SAID THAT A RABBIT...
...AND ITS MOTHER HAVE TO BE TOGETHER...
BUT REN BELONGS WITH...
...NEITHER HUMANS NOR RABBITS...
RABBITS BELONG WITH RABBITS.
AND HUMANS BELONG WITH HUMANS.

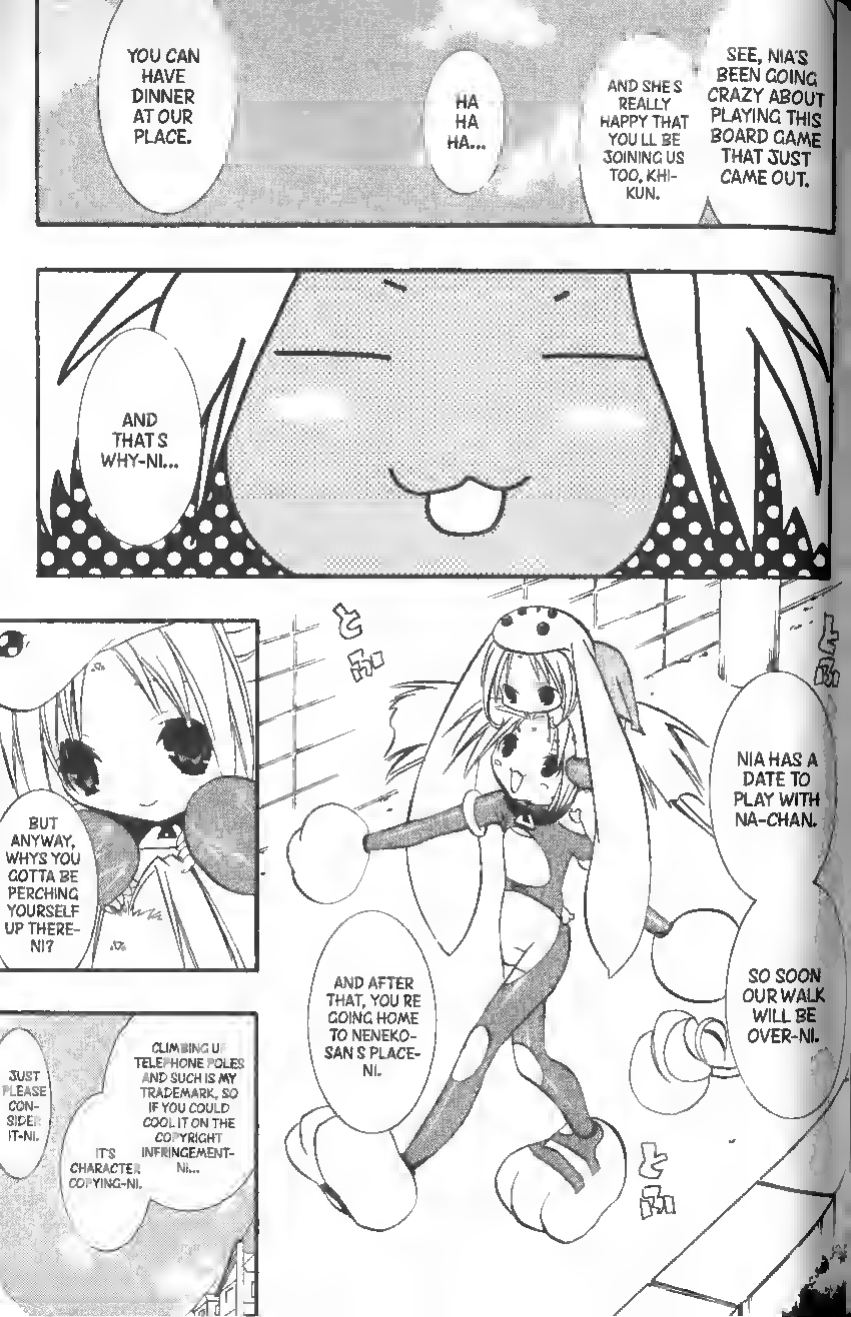
!
FOR THE LAST FEW DAYS...
...THE ONLY FACE I HAVE SEEN YOU SHOW ME IS YOUR SAD ONE.
...MAYBE REN DOESN'T BELONG ON THIS PLANET.
DEEP DOWN I WONDER IF...

YOU'RE WRONG, REN-CHAN.

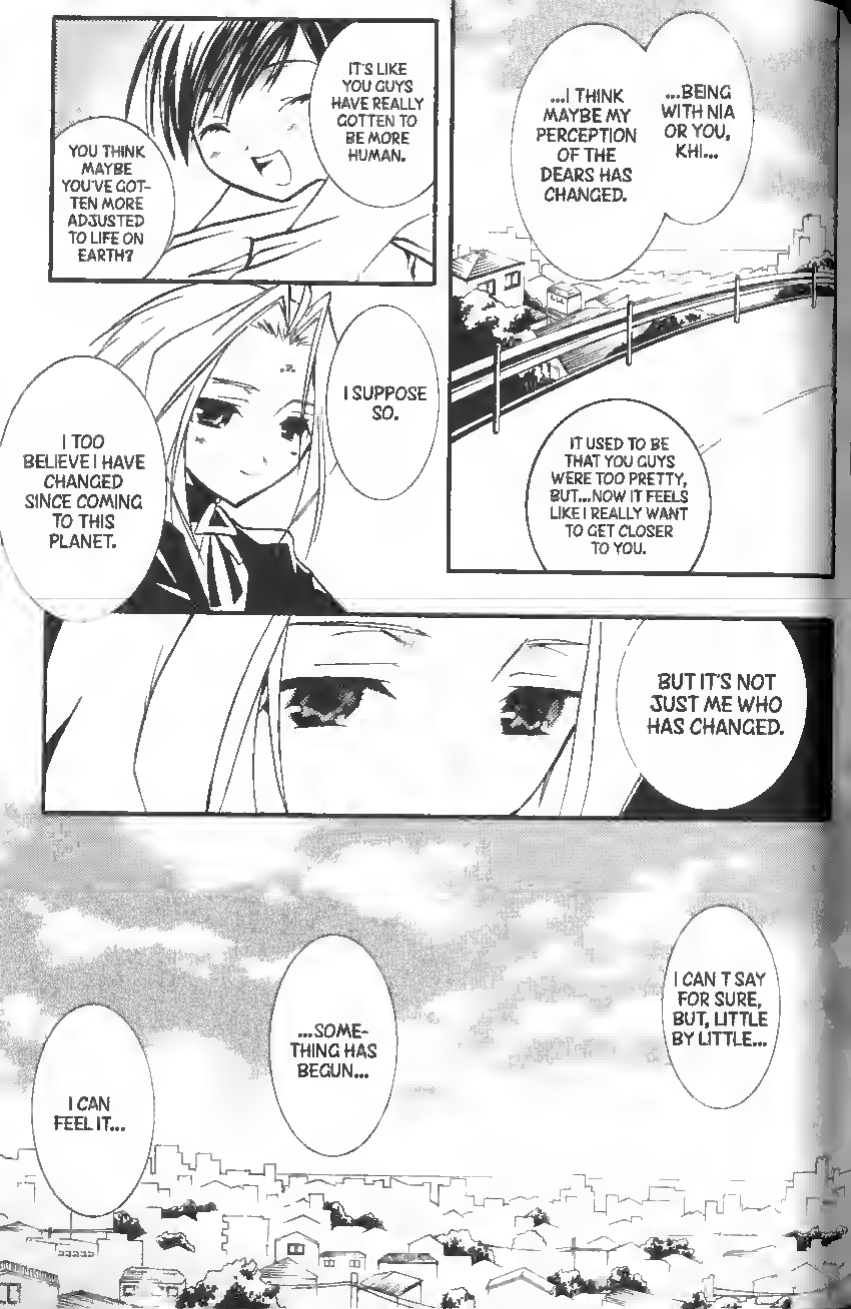
HIRO-KUN?

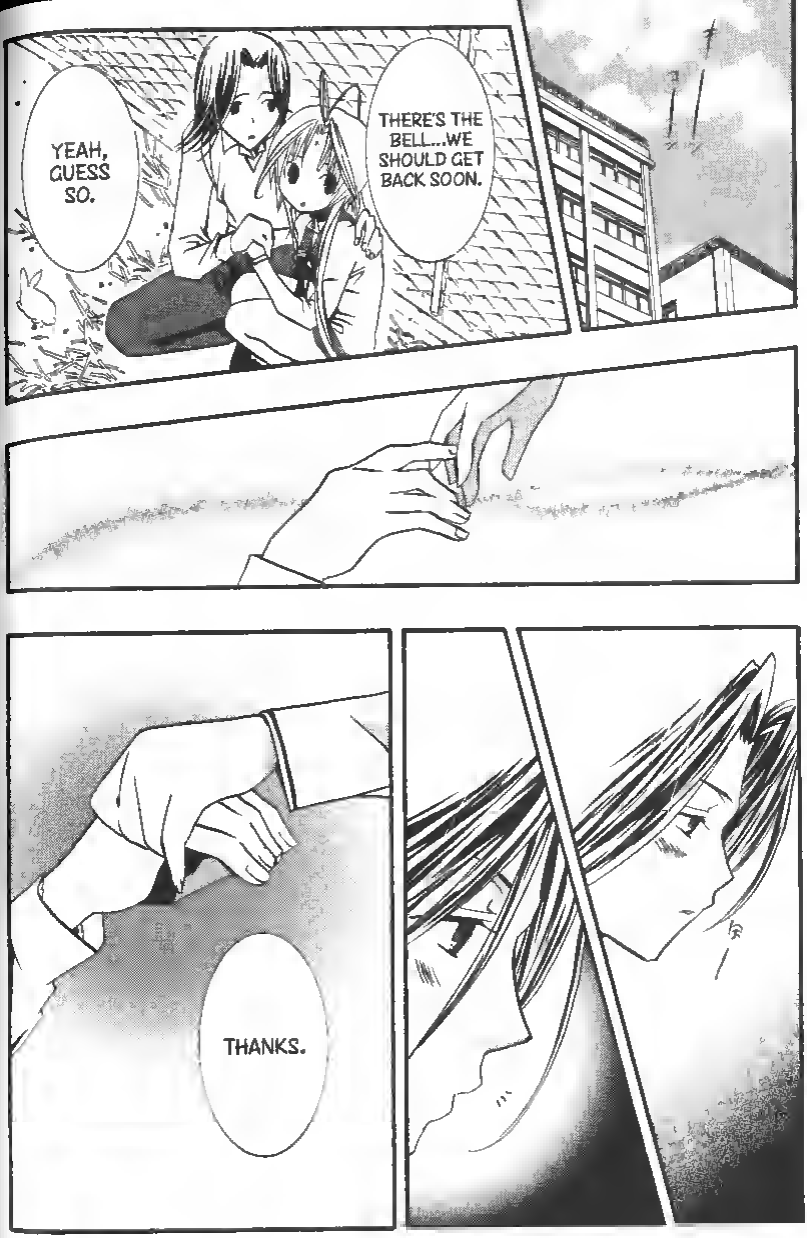
REN-CHAN, YOU AND ALL YOUR KIND ARE EARTHLINGS, JAPANESE THROUGH AND THROUGH.
YOU'RE OUR FRIENDS.
FRIENDS ...?
THAT'S NOT TRUE... REN IS...
REN-CHAN, LOOK.
SEE, WE HAVE THE SAME SHAPE.
WE MATCH UP PERFECTLY.
DON'T YOU THINK?


URGHK!
I'M FINE.
N-NATSUKI-SAN, ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE OKAY? THIS HILL IS PRETTY STEEP.
I...I COULD PEDDLE FOR YOU, IF YOU LIKE.
KHI-KUN, YOU DON'T KNOW HOW TO RIDE A BIKE, REMEMBER? JUST HOLD ON TIGHT.
RIGHT. SORRY...
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. I'M THE ONE WHO INVITED YOU OUT TO PLAY, AFTER ALL.

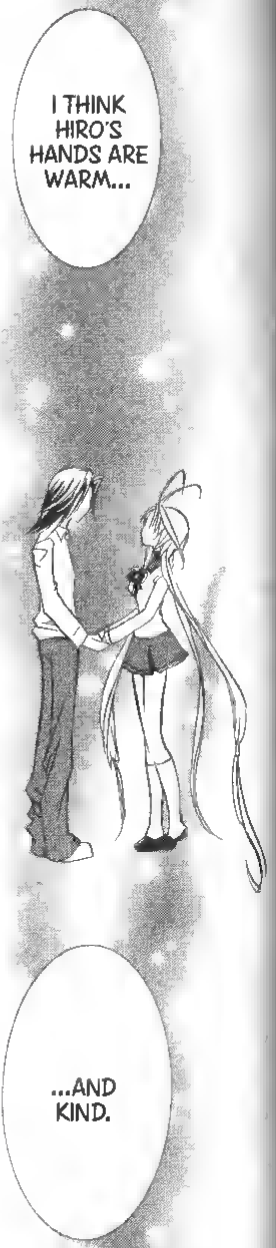

SEE, NIA'S BEEN GOING CRAZY ABOUT PLAYING THIS BOARD GAME THAT JUST CAME OUT.
AND SHE'S REALLY HAPPY THAT YOU'LL BE JOINING US TOO, KHI-KUN.
HA HA HA...
YOU CAN HAVE DINNER AT OUR PLACE.
AND THAT'S WHY-NI...
NIA HAS A DATE TO PLAY WITH NA-CHAN.
AND AFTER THAT, YOU'RE GOING HOME TO NENEKO-SAN'S PLACE-NI.
SO SOON OUR WALK WILL BE OVER-NI.
BUT ANYWAY, WHY'S YOU GOTTA BE PERCHING YOURSELF UP THERE-NI?
CLIMBING UP TELEPHONE POLES AND SUCH IS MY TRADEMARK, SO IF YOU COULD COOL IT ON THE COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT-NI...
IT'S CHARACTER COPYING-NI.
JUST PLEASE CON-SIDER IT-NI.

SO HOW ARE THINGS GOING WITH NIA-SAN?
SHE ISN'T BEING ANY TROUBLE TO YOU, IS SHE?
TROUBLE?
PHEW. FEELS GOOD TO TAKE A BREAK.
I'M... I'M SO SORRY...
AND EVEN WHEN I TELL HER TO GO TO BED AT NIGHT, SHE WON'T STOP YAPPING!!
SHE JUST WENT AHEAD AND ATE MY PUDDING OUTTA THE FRIDGE...!
TRY MAYHEM!! THAT SPOILED CAT'S ALL ABOUT DOING WHATEVER SHE WANTS TO DO!
ACTUALLY, LATELY...
SHE'S OVERALL PRETTY FUN TO HAVE AROUND...
BUT... STILL...


IT'S LIKE YOU GUYS HAVE REALLY GOTTEN TO BE MORE HUMAN.
YOU THINK MAYBE YOU'VE GOTTEN MORE ADJUSTED TO LIFE ON EARTH?
I SUPPOSE SO.
I TOO BELIEVE I HAVE CHANGED SINCE COMING TO THIS PLANET.
...I THINK MAYBE MY PERCEPTION OF THE DEARS HAS CHANGED.
...BEING WITH NIA OR YOU, KHI...
IT USED TO BE THAT YOU GUYS WERE TOO PRETTY, BUT...NOW IT FEELS LIKE I REALLY WANT TO GET CLOSER TO YOU.
BUT IT'S NOT JUST ME WHO HAS CHANGED.
I CAN'T SAY FOR SURE, BUT, LITTLE BY LITTLE...
...SOMETHING HAS BEGUN...
I CAN FEEL IT...


YEAH, GUESS SO.
THERE'S THE BELL...WE SHOULD GET BACK SOON.
THANKS.

SO... THANK YOU.


I THINK HIRO'S HANDS ARE WARM...
...AND KIND.

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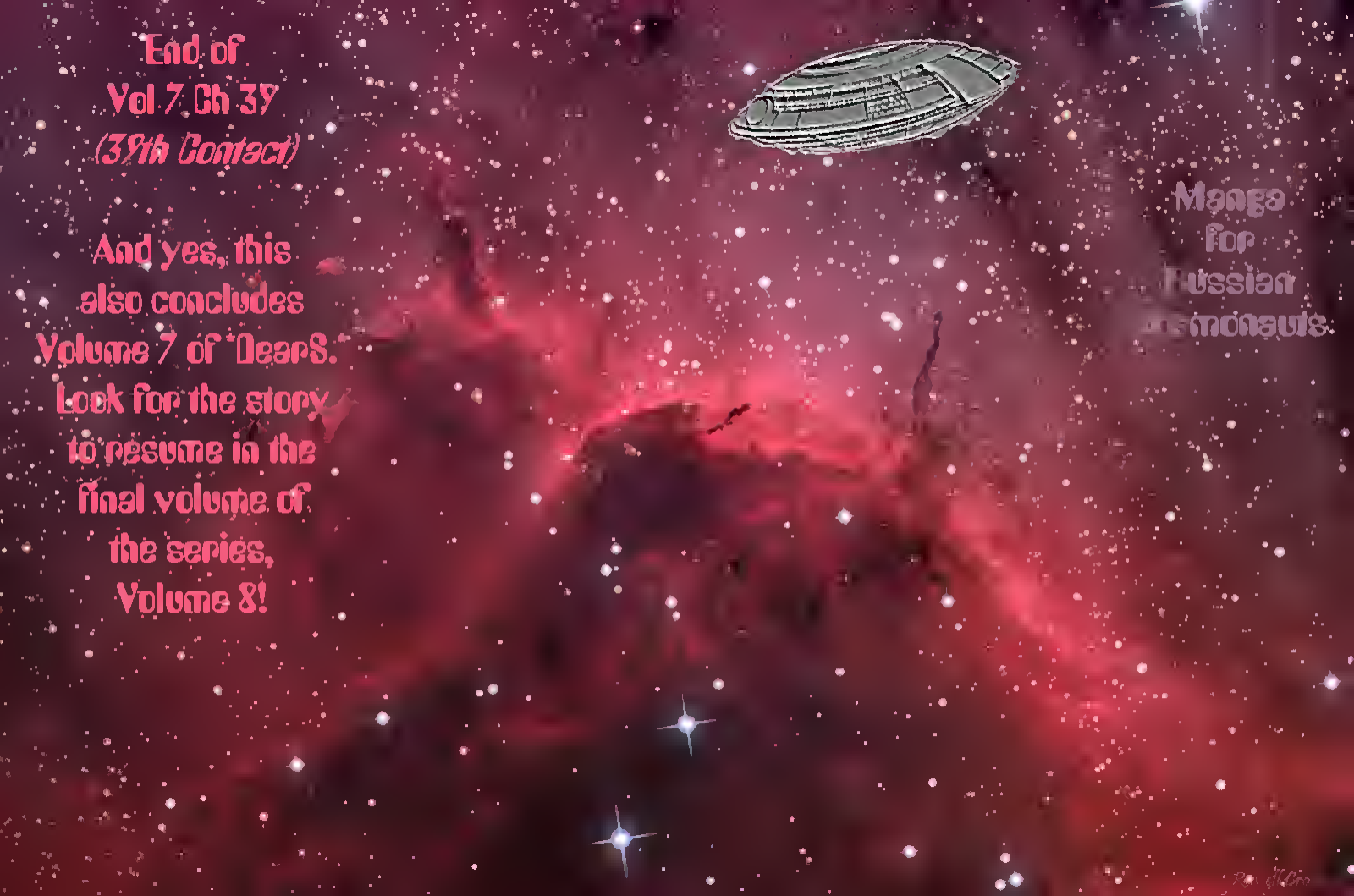
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